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Clarity Chiropractic**

**Mémoire de  
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Application to extend the operation of  
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026

Demande visant à prolonger l'exploitation  
des tranches 5 à 8 de la centrale nucléaire de  
Pickering jusqu'au 31 décembre 2026

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**June 2024**

**Juin 2024**

April 22, 2024

Attn: Commission Registry

Re: Pickering Nuclear Site License Renewal

As a lifelong resident and business owner in Pickering, I wanted to give my opinion on the upcoming OPG renewal application for the Pickering nuclear site.

I am proud of being part of the Pickering community. I live here. I run my business here. I played community sports in view of OPG. I remember how cool it was seeing the nuclear plant in my high school science textbooks. I work out here. I hike here. I raise my family to grow here. Pickering is home.

With all of this considered, I want to be frank, my safety concerns regarding the Pickering nuclear site is as minimal as could be. Are there risks associated with nuclear power? Absolutely. Are these risks outweighed by the immense benefits? It is not even close. Health. Safety. Economic. There is not aspect to our society that is not better off having the Pickering nuclear station running as long as possible.

I have had countless friends, family, colleagues, and patients that work at various levels at nuclear sites in Ontario. From kitchen workers, to managing engineers, to security managers, to administration. It continues to impress me the level and depth and quality OPG implements in everything they do. This is exemplified when it comes to major safety concerns.

I have been involved with many corporate organizations, in a variety of industries. I have never seen such a relentless commitment to ensuring excellence in their systems and processes. Sitting on the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade's Board of Directors, I recently had the opportunity to tour the facility. It is hard to impress someone when they already have such a high regard, but they managed to pull it off.

If the exemplary safety record of the Pickering nuclear site was not enough, what is a viable alternative? Burning fossil fuels down the street causing immense short- and long-term health problems while destroying our environment? A windmill in every back yard exposing the entire spectrum of wildlife to unnatural wind patterns? Every rooftop requiring solar panels? There simply is not another viable option.

From an economic, health, and especially safety point of view, it is clear. The best option to power our community is to maximize the usefulness of existing nuclear plants. This includes Pickering.

Be well, be awesome;

Dr. Christopher Small