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Ms. Rosemarie Leclair  
Chair and Chief Executive Officer  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Leclair:

**Re: EB-2017-0319**

On behalf of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), I would like to present some concerns we have noted with the Enbridge proposal for Development of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), for which they are seeking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval.

ROMA is a supporter of natural gas expansion into rural areas and supports the development of RNG as part of this extension of infrastructure to help improve GHG reduction. However, the utility business model must not presume property taxes will subsidise their enterprise. The management of local taxation is a municipal responsibility, not that of a utility or the OEB.

ROMA supports the position submitted by AMO, both in the commentary about taxation and the need for the utility to work with the host municipality to enter into appropriate agreements for the management of organic source materials that will be required for the production of RNG. We know there are many innovative opportunities that will be mutually beneficial.

The prospect of such a major RNG project is exciting. We look forward to the creation of new projects that both take advantage of greener innovations and support municipal fiscal sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald E. Holman".

Ron Holman  
ROMA Chair