

David Tilson, M.P.  
Dufferin-Caledon

Dear Mr. Tilson:

As one of your constituents, I am writing to register my strenuous objection to the federal government's cancellation of the ecoENERGY for Homes program.

I am not personally affected by the cancellation because my husband and I are currently part-way through the process; we are doing our energy upgrades now and will qualify for the federal and provincial rebates before your government axes the program in March of next year.

Frankly, I find it breathtaking that your government would cancel the form of energy management that is the cheapest and easiest to undertake -- that being energy efficiency and energy conservation measures. As you are no doubt aware, it is far, far cheaper to invest in managing energy demand through conservation and efficiency than to build yet more, expensive energy generation plants (of any kind -- nuclear, natural gas, wind, solar).

Your government says it is committed to combatting climate change. Yet in addition to the complete lack of Canadian federal leadership on climate change mitigation through setting up a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gases (with the Western Climate Initiative, led by California and including B.C., Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, taking the lead while the US and Canadian federal governments dawdle), your government has also made it a lot more difficult for individual Canadians to do their part in cutting greenhouse gases by saving energy.

You must be aware that there is a groundswell of public opposition to this announcement that the ecoENERGY for Homes program will be terminated by March 2011. I sincerely hope that the government sees the errors of its ways and reinstates the program.

A response would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Linda  
Caledon, Ontario