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Dear Minister:

On behalf of Professional Engineers Ontario, I'm pleased to submit our advisory paper, *Sorting Through the Noise: A Unique Decision-Making Approach for a Secure Energy Future*.

This paper is the product of a day-and-a-half workshop PEO sponsored recently to test the application of Value Analysis to the energy supply sector, at which we brought together some 25 experts from various energy fields.

PEO enters the debate over the province's appropriate future energy supply mix with clean hands, with no axe to grind. We support the province's leadership to protect the public interest.

It is in this spirit that we convened our workshop and produced this paper, and it is in this spirit that we wish to propose to partner with the province to jointly sponsor a Value Analysis project on the energy conservation challenge, perhaps the most critical aspect of our energy supply future. We believe a comprehensive Value Analysis approach, which acknowledges the important social needs of health, safety, reliability and affordability and is grounded on the principles of objectivity, transparency, fairness, accountability, consistency and effectiveness, will produce the public support to enable the government to move forward expeditiously.

Facilitated by PEO, we envision this exercise would take no longer than 10 weeks, and involve the province's chief energy conservation officer as part of the project team. At its meeting on April 29, 2006, our governing Council approved earmarking up to \$75,000 for this initiative.

As a springboard for technical innovation and investment in energy conservation, we believe our proposal represents a way for PEO and the province to work together to make a tangible contribution to the building of an energy conservation culture in Ontario. I hope you will consider our offer seriously.

Sincerely,

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