



Dear Members,

In its [Fall Economic Statement](#) released on November 26, the Ontario government announced its intention to abandon permanently its commitment to repeal subsection 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, the so-called industrial exception. At the conclusion of the government's statement, PEO issued a media release condemning the government's decision. The full text of the release is available at [http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php?ci\\_id=29315&la\\_id=1](http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php?ci_id=29315&la_id=1).

I urge you to contact your MPP to voice your extreme displeasure with the government's actions. Here is a sample letter you might use:

"Dear [MPP's name]:

I wish to express in the strongest possible terms my objection to the government's decision, as indicated in the Fall Economic Statement released on November 26, 2015, to abandon permanently its commitment to repeal subsection 12(3)(a) of the Professional Engineers Act. Subsection 12(3)(a) currently allows non-engineers to carry out acts of professional engineering on equipment or machinery used to produce products for their employers in their employer's facility.

PEO has been working with the Ministry of Labour, undertaking research into recent prosecutions under the Occupational Health and Safety Act involving injuries to employees in manufacturing environments. A report on this research is expected to be finalized by early 2016. Through its outreach to industry, PEO believes only 7 per cent of manufacturing employers are likely to be affected by the repeal, which would have been implemented without any expense to taxpayers and little cost to employers. Since 2010, PEO has invested close to \$500,000 to assist companies voluntarily complying with the repeal with their licensing costs, and had committed to offsetting almost half of the licensing fee of anyone required to be newly licensed as a result of the repeal. In addition, PEO had put in place a regulation to enable employers to transition over a one-year period.

Engineers are committed to public safety and are professionally accountable by law for all acts of professional engineering. The government's failure to repeal subsection 12(3)(a) leaves a gap in PEO's ability to regulate acts of engineering and continues to put workers at risk. This decision is a significant missed opportunity to protect the public and I demand the government reconsider it immediately.

Sincerely,

[your name]"

I will continue to keep you informed on what PEO's next steps will be.

Sincerely,

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