



ONTARIO ELECTRICAL LEAGUE

To Promote, Strengthen and Represent the Electrical Industry in Ontario

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Sent via email: Premier@Ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of the Ontario Electrical League (OEL) I would like to personally thank you for introducing Bill 66, *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act*. More specifically, our association fully supports the amendments to the *Labour Relations Act* in Schedule 9. Your government deserves recognition for doing what's right by taxpayers, thousands of our workers and contractors by allowing for fair tendering of public infrastructure projects across Ontario.

As the voice of Ontario's Electrical Industry, we represent the interests of contractors, goods and service providers, who employ over 12,000 workers across Ontario. We have 22 of local chapters across the province, who are active and effective advocates in their communities. Members of our association support fair procurement practices, in which all qualified contractors should have an opportunity to bid on public projects – regardless of their labour affiliation (or lack there-of).

You should know that many of our members have been unable to bid on projects that their and their workers tax dollars have funded because of the legislative loophole dictating that millions of dollars in public infrastructure work must be awarded based on union affiliation, not qualifications or experience.

This is why you have our full support for leading legislative change that will be fair for all workers and businesses and will save tax dollars through a competitive bidding process.

We encourage you to move swiftly to pass fair and open tendering legislation so that all qualified construction companies and workers have the opportunity to build public infrastructure projects in their communities.

Sincerely,

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