

September 5, 2012

Minister Ed Fast
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2
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Subject: Canada-China Economic Complementarities Study

Dear Minister:

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) is a federation of 160 local chambers of commerce and boards of trade in Ontario, representing 60,000 businesses of all sizes, in all economic sectors and from every area of the province. Our members employ about two million people and produce about 17 percent of Ontario's Gross Domestic Product. The OCC's mandate is to advocate strong policies on issues that affect its membership throughout Ontario's business community.

The OCC applauds the government on the *Canada-China Economic Complementarities Study* and the progress that has been made in Canada-China commercial relations.

The OCC believes that like many other jurisdictions, Canada should use energy policy and electricity rates as an important economic development tool to promote investment, foster job creation and stimulate economic growth. The future energy supply of countries around the world, China and Canada included, will depend upon a significant role for nuclear, natural gas, and hydroelectric power as well as an expanded role for green energy. While the Study effectively notes the renewable energy, energy efficiency and environmental degradation mitigation industries as key sectors for complementarities, the OCC was surprised that the study made no mention of the Canadian nuclear industry. The nuclear industry in Canada supports some 33,000 Canadian jobs (the majority of those in Ontario), and the two CANDU reactors at Qinshan represent the largest single Canadian export initiative in China.

Ontario, through the Long-Term Energy Plan called for 50% of Ontario's electricity to continue to be supplied through nuclear generation, and China has the world's most ambitious nuclear construction - China aims to have 40 GWe of nuclear installed power by 2015 when all the units under construction are in-service (this was the original target set for 2020). Canada's unique expertise in the field is a significant asset that can be leveraged in opportunities to build more reactors in China. To complement these efforts, it would be helpful to encourage our export business in China to include the Canadian nuclear industry in the "*Clean technology and environmental goods and services*" category of the Study and in all future discussions of Canada-China complementarities.

Canada's economic growth and prosperity depends on our ability to remain competitive in an increasingly global energy marketplace. An stable, abundant, reliable and affordable energy supply is fundamental to maintaining this competitive edge. The OCC believes

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this can best be accomplished by maintaining a diverse energy supply mix, which includes nuclear.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our views. If you have any questions or comments on any of the above issues, your staff may contact Arielle Baltman-Cord, Policy Analyst, at (416) 482-5222, extension 2470, or ariellebaltman-cord@occ.on.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan P. O'Dette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allan O'Dette
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