

# FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs  
Legislative Building, Room 281, Queen's Park  
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SENT VIA EMAIL:  
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Dear Premier,

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is requesting that any increase in costs to Northern Ontario as a result of the cap and trade system be directed back into the region.

FONOM remains concerned about increased energy costs to Northern Ontario communities at a time when energy costs are already unaffordable. The province has stated that the cap and trade system will include a 4.3 cent per litre increase in fuel costs and an average monthly increase of 5 dollars for natural gas.

In a region of the province that is challenged by rising gasoline costs and experiences longer and colder winters impacting heating costs, we fear that these challenges will be exacerbated further. The challenges Northern Ontario faces was recently confirmed and highlighted in a report by the Financial Accountability Office on September 27, 2016. The report stated households in Northern Ontario spend more on average than residents in other regions.

Premier, the province must commit to ensuring that any increase in costs to Northerners as a result of the cap and trade system be invested back into Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,



Alan Spacek  
President

cc: Minister of Energy, Honourable Glenn Thibeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Glen Murray