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VIA E-MAIL ONLY

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Dear Mr. Sherrard,

RE: Phase 1 Consultation Submissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with your Panel and, of course, for your consideration of our submissions provided. As I hope we made very clear, apprenticeship and the issues involved with apprenticeship are extremely important to the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO), our labour partners, and our community more generally.

We are also confident that under your leadership the Panel will be diligent in considering all of the presentations and submissions, undertake the necessary research, and go back to the stakeholders for clarification and/or responses to suggested changes. With respect to the latter, we respectfully request a copy of all of the submissions provided to the Panel. Alternatively, we ask that you make all of the submissions available on the website of the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

ECAO strongly believes that it is crucial that availability to these submissions be provided prior to your Panel's release of any recommendations. I suggest, also, that doing this will aid significantly to transparency of the Panel/Ministry and ensure greater buy-in from the stakeholders of the "apprenticeship portfolio".

Sincerely,

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