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Aurora Town Council
1 Municipal Drive
Aurora, Ontario
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Dear Council Members:

On behalf of WWF-Canada, I would urge you to support the motion before Council encouraging the provincial government to use the authority granted in the Energy Conservation Leadership Act to remove barriers to energy conservation.

As you are no doubt aware, any voyage consists of many individual steps – but it is a shorter trip if you are walking in the right direction. Globally, we face the enormous challenge of stabilizing the level of greenhouse gases in the planet's atmosphere before global warming reaches dangerous levels. Reducing the wasteful use of energy is the primary means by which we can achieve this goal.

Yet, in Canada, too many of our current energy policies have us running in the opposite direction by encouraging energy waste or, as in this instance, actually preventing individuals from taking actions to eliminate unnecessary energy consumption.

Allowing people to hang-dry their clothes may appear to be a minor matter, but allowing the use of this simple yet effective renewable energy technology (i.e. a solar- and wind-powered clothes dryer) is one small step towards stopping the degradation of the planet's natural environment and building a future in which humans live in harmony with nature. So I urge you to take a leadership role amongst Ontario municipalities, and support the Right to Dry, or as they say in Kingston, Free the Sheets!

Sincerely,

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