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The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P  
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April 8, 2020

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Leadership when most required.**

I write to you in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO) and on behalf of our 550+ members who serve the electrical needs of Ontarians to thank you for your unquestioned leadership during this pandemic.

From the outset you have demonstrated tremendous leadership, transparency, and candour. The way you address our great Province with speed and decisiveness serves as a template for how we should act in our communities. Further, your ability to deliver these important messages to Ontarians in a calm, professional, and compassionate manner has served to ease panic in the face of the COVID 19 crisis.

We cannot begin to imagine the myriad of interests, concerns, and outcomes that you, your office, and your ministers must balance in coming to each of the critical decisions to assist us during this situation. Our members face difficult situations involving cash flow, employee health, safety, and security, contractual obligations, supply chain difficulties, and many others. Yet, these are but a few of the factors you must consider on an ongoing basis; and we are very cognizant of this.

Most importantly, we are extremely comforted by your sole focus of getting Ontario out of the pandemic positioned to be even stronger and more united than when we entered into these tumultuous times. It is not the time for partisanship, and you have led by example. This is a time to band together our communities, whether by industry or geography, and act as one. Again, you have provided a clear road to follow in this regard.



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You should also know that we are extremely proud of the work of your Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Minister McNaughton, and the outstanding work of his office. They continuously take time to consult with our industry, to encourage our industry to act as one, and to hear us; not just listen.

ECAO, and I, thank you and continue to provide our support to you and your team! We are confident that Ontario will emerge from this pandemic as a more dynamic, unified, and powerful society!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R.G. Aitken' followed by a period.

Graeme Aitken,  
Executive Director  
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