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NATURAL GAS LEAK DRAWS FIRE

FP Media Release Fuels Official Denial of Liberal Plans To Ban Natural Gas

ONTARIO - May 26, 2016 - Freedom Party issued a Media Release in which FP leader **Paul McKeever** warned that "Politicized 'Energy Care' was the Hidden Goal of the Ontario Liberal Government's 'Climate' Programs." Forwarded to every member of the Ontario legislature and to all concerned members of the media, the release was also personally acknowledged as having been received by **Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne**, who was in Edmonton Alberta at the time.

Within hours following the release, Wynne issued a statement denying that the **Liberal Party** had any plans to phase out natural gas from being used to heat Ontario homes. It was expressed in a way that might be misinterpreted as a guarantee that homeowners would not be forced to heat their homes with electricity: "Let me be clear, we are not banning natural gas and have no intention to force people off natural gas."

Knowing that the Liberals had already announced plans to use natural gas to generate the electricity with which to heat homes, McKeever tweeted: "No 'ban' says Kathleen Wynne. Because government will still generate home-heating electricity with natural gas?"

Instead of clarifying this point, Wynne went out of her way to blur the critical distinction, and the media by-and-large reported that Wynne had 'backed off' from her plans to ban natural gas for home heating..." when no such thing actually happened.

As reported by the *Canadian Press*: "The criticism that we have been getting is that we were going to be banning natural gas, and that is not something that we're doing," Wynne said after meeting Alberta Premier Rachel Notley in Edmonton."

By carefully avoiding mention of exactly *how* natural gas was to play a role in the government's plans to force its unaffordable electricity market on the public, the Liberals could argue without 'technically lying' that natural gas will still be used to heat homes in Ontario!

Following the official denial, Wynne then claimed that the original story about the natural gas ban, which was released by the **Globe and Mail** more than a week earlier, was false. Why she waited until FP's media release to state such a simple fact (if so), we leave to the reader to conclude. {end}

Wayne Simmons the FP choice in Scarborough-Rouge River by-election

TORONTO - June 8, 2016 - Freedom Party of Ontario is pleased to announce that **Wayne Simmons** has been nominated its candidate in the coming by-election in the riding of **Scarborough-Rouge River**. As of this writing, the writ has not been dropped.

"Wayne will be offering voters what they cannot find in the other parties" said **Freedom Party** leader **Paul McKeever** in FP's distributed media release. "At a time when the Liberals, PCs, NDP and Greens are offering to impose new taxes on carbon, to force people to heat their homes with electricity, or to force people into using electric cars - at a time when the government is trying to squeeze-out private energy-sector competitors to government-supplied electricity - **Freedom Party** is opposing carbon taxes and cap-and-trade, and wants more private-sector competition for energy.

"A healthcare-like government monopoly on energy is where we are headed under the Liberals, PCs or NDP. Freedom Party supporters want the opposite: price competition in an open energy market, with competition from the private sector, energy types chosen by consumers, and no barriers to competition with government-supplied electricity.

"In the Ontario Legislature, Wayne Simmons will speak for those who do not share the Liberal-PC-NDP agenda to use climate-fighting as an

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AT RIGHT: Also a member of Freedom Party's provincial executive, Scarborough-Rouge River FP candidate **Wayne Simmons** has a history of commitment to both freedom and Freedom Party.



"The criticism that we have been getting is that we were going to be banning natural gas, and that is not something that we're doing." - Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne



Paul McKeever @McKeever_tweets · 8m

No "ban", says @Kathleen_Wynne. Because government will still generate home-heating electricity with natural gas? #onpoli #weaselwords





Freedom Party of Ontario
- MEDIA RELEASE -
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Politicized “Energy Care” the Hidden Goal of Ontario Liberal Government’s “Climate” Programs: FP Leader

Health Care is the Model: Energy on Basis of Alleged Need, Not Ability to Pay

May 26, 2016, London, Ontario – Call it “socialized energy” or “energy care”: energy on the basis of need, not on the basis of ability to pay. In an interview on the globally-broadcasted radio program “Just Right” today, Freedom Party of Ontario leader Paul McKeever warned that that is the real purpose of the Kathleen Wynne government’s various “climate” policies - including cap-and-trade, ending natural gas home-heating, subsidizing electric cars and charging stations, etc..

McKeever asserted that the mandatory participants in Ontario’s cap and trade system will be the competitors of the Ontario government, which supplies electricity. Those competitors notably will include companies involved in the provision of energy to the two major consumer needs: natural gas (home heating) and oil (automobile fuel). Via cap and trade, the government will be “stealing from their competitors”, says McKeever.

At the same time, says McKeever, the government plans to use taxpayer earnings - and the money stolen from the government’s competitors - to convert private-sector natural gas (home heating) and oil (transportation) customers to government-sector electricity customers with such things as expensive replacements of natural gas furnaces with electrical home heating systems; electric car subsidies, and grants for the installation of automobile electrical charging stations.

Fighting climate change is the “pretext”, says McKeever, for setting up a government monopoly not just on electricity in particular, but on energy in general. The government wants a system in which they can tell the public that: “...if they want to power their cars or if they want to heat their homes, they have to ‘buy’ [the energy] from the government. Sound familiar? Health care. Health care is that model. The only payor is the government. It’s all taxpayer funded. The government doles [electricity] out not according to who paid for it but according to who, allegedly, needs it. And I think that’s the end game here.

“Politicize the supply of energy. Hold the ‘commanding heights’ of the economy not just for economic reasons but for political reasons, because as soon as you do that you can make up any political system you want. For example you can say that Group X - as defined by their genetics, or defined by their participation in a particular religion, or defined by their preferred artistic habits; whatever it is - they get more energy than the person who isn’t in that group because, well, ‘we say so’, ‘our ideology says so’...As soon as the price system is taken out of the system, it’s all about political will, who has the political pull, who gets the energy - the only energy, all of it supplied by the provincial government.” McKeever warned that, inevitably, the result will be energy rationing:

“What the real issue is right now, when they talk about the climate: it’s not the climate. It’s about creating an electricity government monopoly... on the health care model. In other words, you aren’t going to be paying for energy in the future, you’re going to be paying taxes, and you’re going to be getting the energy that the government doles out to you as they see fit, on the basis of ‘need’. And as the system continues to crumble - because it’s no longer making a profit and can’t keep up with repairs and et cetera - it will turn to rationing. This will happen in anything they touch and turn into this ‘on the basis of need and not on the basis of ability to pay’ system, because they’ve taken-out the price system.”

McKeever asserts that “The real key” of the Smart Meter program is that it will allow the government to ration electricity on political grounds.

McKeever explains that we’ve seen an attempt like this before. In the late 1950s, the introduction of natural gas by TransCanada Pipelines - a private, Texan-founded company with funding from the federal Liberal government of the time - scuppered the Progressive Conservative Ontario government’s plans to replace privately-sold coal and oil (the preferred home heating energy sources of that day) with government-supplied electricity. The result, says McKeever, was the Progressive Conservatives’ 20 year “Live Better Electrically” campaign, in which dirty coal and hyper-expensive nuclear electricity generation stations were built to flood the market with cheap electricity, leaving us with smog and billions in hydro debt.

McKeever provided the “Just Right” program with a set of juxtaposed audio clips demonstrating that the Liberals and the Progressive Conservatives are singing from the same hymn book with this plan.

In the clips, Kathleen Wynne is heard explaining to Ontario’s 2015 “Climate Summit of the Americas” that by taking this sort of alleged “climate” action now, we can avoid “inequality in the world”. PC leader Patrick Brown is heard at the 2016 PC Party AGM putting the same wealth-redistribution message thusly: “Compassion and prosperity go hand-in-hand: a green environment is necessary for economic growth.”

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Households that aren't yet on time-of-use pricing will pay 10.3¢/kWh for the first 600 kWh of electricity they use per month and 12¢ for each additional kWh. Small businesses will pay 10.3¢/kWh for the first 750 kWh of electricity they use per month and 12¢ for each additional kWh.

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For more information, check out OntarioEnergyBoard.ca/Consumers OR call OEB Consumer Relations: 1-877-632-2727 (toll-free within Ontario) 416-314-2455 (within Greater Toronto Area or from outside Canada)

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Above Left: How government wealth redistribution is already being administered directly through the electricity grid. High income earners subsidize lower income earners by paying higher prices for electricity. Of course, a bureaucracy will be required to confirm incomes and benefits. Once registered with the energy monopoly, areas where large numbers receiving subsidized rates can be easily targeted for power rationing and brown-outs.

Above Right: How electricity rationing is disguised as conservation and consumer cost savings. It's the government that has 'Taken Charge' of Ontario's electricity supply, not consumers. The 'time-of-day' pricing scheme applies the collective notion of 'power at cost' to the individual consumer level, falsely implying (thanks to future guaranteed higher costs) that consumers can 'take control' of their electricity prices by using power when the 'cost' is cheaper. Only free competition can offer consumer control in any form.

Distributed by the Ontario Energy Board with electricity bills, the propaganda pieces disguise a fraud of an unprecedented scale in Ontario's history, one that Freedom Party warned against in the mid 1980s: “We’re In For A Shock With Ontario Hydro!”

Wynne says Ontario won't ban gas heating

THE CANADIAN PRESS

EDMONTON — Premier Kathleen Wynne said Thursday Ontario won't ban the use of natural gas for home heating as part of its climate change action plan.

The plan hasn't been released yet, but the Liberals had been coy about details ever since a published report based on a leaked draft copy said the province would phase out fossil fuels for home heating.

But in her strongest statement yet on the issue, Wynne called the report "false," and said natural gas will "absolutely" be used to heat Ontario homes in the future.

"The criticism that we have been getting is that we were going to be banning natural gas, and that is not something that we're doing," Wynne said after meeting Alberta Premier Rachel Notley in Edmonton.

Natural gas is used to heat more than three-quarters of the homes in the province, and critics — as well as natural gas suppliers — warned that phasing it out would drive up energy costs for everyone.

"Replacing building heat and electricity would require \$200 bil-

lion in investment in generation and distribution just to effectively duplicate what we've already spent on infrastructure," Enbridge Gas chief executive Al Monaco said in Calgary Thursday.

"That would more than double electricity rates in a province with very high electricity costs."

Notley said Ontario and Alberta may take different approaches to reducing their carbon footprints, but both agree something must be done.

"Some argue that climate change is either not real, or at least not caused by humans," she said. "Climate change denial is a dead end, for Alberta and all of Canada."

Wynne, who also signed an agreement with Notley to develop clean technologies to fight climate change, said she wasn't worried about California's weak market for carbon emissions.

Only about a tenth of the available pollution credits in California were sold in an auction last week as part of the state's cap-and-trade plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, raising \$600 million less than expected.

At Left, from the London Free Press, May 27, 2016: In an accusation that was clearly targeted against Freedom Party's media release (previous page), Alberta Premier Rachel Notley declared: "Some argue that climate change is either not real, or at least not caused by humans. Climate change denial is a dead end, for Alberta and all of Canada." Notley was with Wynne in Edmonton at the time Wynne confirmed having received FP's media release.

The comments are foreboding, to say the least. With evolving legislation in the U.S. intended to legally prohibit 'climate change denial,' a similar situation could arise in Canada.

"Who are the most passionate advocates of free speech in today's national conversation?" posted Alex Epstein, author of The Moral Case For Fossil Fuels, to his FaceBook page on June 19. "Climate fascists are attacking my and others' right to free speech. We need allies."

"Give Robert Metz a call," suggested FP leader Paul McKeever. "He and Robert Vaughan are the main co-hosts of Just Right, which - arguably - is the world's most popular and globally-heard pro-reason/freedom/capitalism radio program. Also, if you plan on being in Ontario Canada, give us a call at Freedom Party. We'll give you an audience, and promotion."

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RE: MEDIA RELEASE: Politicized "Energy Care"

Hi. This is far too complicated for Joe six-pack to understand. What he wants is a "Trump" to run as an independent. People are sick and tired of every party including the Freedom Party or any other "Party." That's why Trump has hit a nerve. He ran as an outsider and forced the Party to follow him. Running as an independent in all ridings puts pressure on the PC's because it will split their vote.

Don't forget about the fellow in BC who ran as an Independent and won. He actually held the balance of power in the minority government but unfortunately died of cancer. The Party Syndrome is done both in Washington, in Ottawa and Toronto. I have had my fill of Parties and Politicians. I and many like me, want an outsider who can be politically incorrect. **Bill F - May 26, 2016**

Hello Bill. Media releases, with all their complexities, are intended for the media, and are distributed as a courtesy to our members and supporters. The eventual **FP** policies, planks, and platforms that address **FP's** issues at the appropriate time - during the next provincial election - will undoubtedly simplify the complex arguments for the 'Joe six-pack' crowd.

One can never avoid the political party process - nor can Donald Trump - as it is the only means to organize an individual's vision into a political one that can be supported by a voting public. There is no other conceivable means of implementing an 'independent' voice that is merely 'politically incorrect' for its own sake. The 'cure' would be worse than the disease.

We can't think of a political party that has been more 'politically incorrect' and is more 'an outsider' than **Freedom Party**, so your attitude towards **Freedom Party** is a bit baffling. We have been the lone voices in fighting political correctness since **Freedom Party** has been founded, and have devoted dozens and dozens of shows on *Just Right* over its many years to fight that very phenomenon.

You do **Freedom Party** an injustice by assuming that **FP** is the same as any other party. **Freedom Party** has a clear and unambiguous record of action going all the way back to 1984 to refute any such assertions. If you can cite anything that contradicts this, by all means, let us know.

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I just wanted to let the Freedom Party know that you will have my support in 2018. I can no longer vote PC especially since their leader Patrick Brown announced his stance on carbon pricing. It was the last straw for me. I hope this will put people over the edge to vote for the Freedom Party. **Lloyd C - May 27, 2016**

RE: MEDIA RELEASE: Politicized "Energy Care"

This is a an important topic for sure, and with the introduction of Cap and Trade etc. coming now into Canada, the so called Establishment parties are all the same.

Bear in mind, that this is not just isolated to Canada, as I am sure you know. All major countries on the planet are part of the plan to confiscate wealth from the developed world.

This is why the Freedom Party and other non establishment parties need to change the game, and give people a real viable option from the Global agenda establishment parties. Seeing some of that happening in the U.S. right now, as Donald Trump is not considered a bought and paid for Stooge for the establishment. Keep in touch. **Barry S - May 26, 2016**

New Amber Alerts earning some bad reviews

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THE LONDON FREE PRESS

A revamped Amber Alert warning system, used to help locate missing children believed to be in danger, has been used twice in Ontario, the last time 10 days ago.

But not everyone is happy with the methods.

The enhanced alert system appears as a glaring red box over top of broadcasts, the first use of which last month triggered complaints on social media and saw some viewers call 911 to complain.

"The overall impression is that I should be dropping everything and heading for the bomb shelter," said Toronto lawyer Paul McKeever, who takes exception to the blaring messages. "It's intentionally designed not merely to inform

the viewer, but to emotionally jolt them into distress and concern."

Ontario's Amber Alert is a voluntary co-operative between the Ontario Association of Broadcasters, police and the province's Transportation Ministry.

It uses highway message signs, radio, TV, cable, satellite and other providers to rapidly transmit descriptions of kidnap victims, suspected abductors and their vehicles.

Broadcasters are required by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to break into programming with the alerts.

The OPP last week acknowledged the social media complaints about the alerts. A "disappointed" Insp. Pat Morris issued a statement apologizing for any inconvenience,

but added, "We won't apologize for using all of the tools available to us to find a missing child."

Morris was backed by Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Until late March, the alerts would appear as a banner superimposed over programming, but wouldn't bring a show to a stop.

McKeever, an employment lawyer who leads the Marc Emery-founded Ontario Freedom Party, says he'd be fine with alerts that appear as scrolling banners. But he objects to viewers being denied programming they've paid cable companies for.

"If the viewer is watching a program that he or she has previously paused . . . the Amber Alert erases the cached content. When the Amber Alert is over, one gets only the real-time feed," he said.

And he doesn't buy the argument the new alerts are a small price to pay for perhaps saving a life, saying they often involve child-custody disputes between parents.

"These abductions — of a biological child by a non-custodial biological parent — are very common, and rarely involve a real risk of harm to anyone," he said.

McKeever believes law-enforcement agencies are "showing no sense of proportion when they treat a parent's abduction of a beloved biological child the same way they would treat a Paul Bernardo situation."

"And, they're doing us a disservice, because they are essentially crying wolf and desensitizing us to important alerts," he said.

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Above: From the London Free Press, April 28 2016: Until late March of 2016, Ontario's Amber Alert system notified television watchers of child abductions without interrupting programming. That changed in late March 2016. CRTc approval was given to a system that interrupts TV and radio programming, forcing the consumer of TV/radio programming to miss the content they have paid to watch. On April 28, 2016, Paul McKeever, leader, Freedom Party of Ontario, was also interviewed about the changes to the Amber Alert system by Andrew Lawton, host of the Andrew Lawton Show on CFPL-AM 980, London (Ontario). That interview can be heard in its entirety on Freedom Party's online archive at: <http://www.freedomparty.on.ca/archive/>

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The problem in the US and in Canada today is not about 'party syndromes'; it is about the collectivist ideologies the current crop of parties all wish to impose upon the rest of us, ideologies that are generally no different than the ideologies of most 'politically incorrect independents.' All of them think that they can do communism or socialism better than the next guy. None of them acknowledges that it is the communism or socialism that they espouse that is the real source of the problem. Many have legitimate reasons to fear that Donald Trump himself is among those ideologues. However, as political observer Salim Mansur so correctly observes, whatever Trump intends for America, he will nevertheless have to work within party structures and abide by the political and constitutional processes in place.

As to the independent candidate in BC you cited, "the fellow", what did he really 'win' - for the people? Just an election for himself? How did his victory ensure the betterment of the electors to this day? No independent is capable of doing this, because, as you noted yourself, they all die --- as do their ideas and philosophies (if they even have any) with them. That is why it is necessary to have a political party and body of knowledge to carry the Right ideas forward into the future and to the benefit of future generations to come. To borrow from your

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excuse to grow the government and limit personal decision making. He will advocate adapting affordably to climate change. He will oppose extremely expensive and ineffective attempts to prevent the climate from changing.

"More generally, Wayne Simmons will advocate a government that better defends you from those who attempt to take your life, liberty, or property without your consent. From personal lifestyle choices to the pursuit of financial security and personal happiness, Wayne Simmons is your candidate."

Wayne has lived most of his life in Toronto. He has a diploma in Business Administration - Marketing from Centennial College, and has continued his Public Relations education at Ryerson University - The Chang School. He works as an account manager at an international business publishing company. Wayne enjoys reading books on philosophy, history, and politics and is committed to physical health and fitness. (end)



own observation: Politics is far too complicated to turn it into a short-term 'one-man' show. That you did not cite "the fellow's" name or what he accomplished is yet more evidence of why political parties are necessary - for identity and distinctions that can be seen and understood by the 'Joe six-pack' crowd. Thanks for writing and making your views known, Bill. We sympathize, but cannot quite share your cynicism about **Freedom Party**. Sorry to see you're in such pain and frustration over this. Hope you feel better soon. (end)

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