

[This letter from Barbara Ashbee was sent to all the MPP's in Ontario by email on November 24, 2009. Barbara may have been bought out by a developer and cannot write about that, but she is still able to write about health issues in general.]

I will not pretend to understand your job. I cannot understand the pressures, the conflicts, the wins and the losses that you experience during your time in the Legislature. But I really thought that every one of you, as MPP, was devoted to the people of this province, to serve them with integrity and do the best job you can to protect them and keep balance, even with the daily interference from opposition, media and people of influence. But it is people without influence, that causes me great concern.

I still have all of the emails to you that have been sent by myself, and many that I have been cc'd on from others. After a year (and longer before I got involved) you all know what is happening in rural Ontario. You all know of the suffering of victims in wind farms. You all know about the relocations, the urgent necessity to find alternate accommodations, the billeting of families in motels, the loss of livings, decline of health and splitting up of family members as they go to live with relatives. You also know about the ones who are still in their homes. Still being ignored. Still hurting physically and deeply wounded emotionally. And I watch with continuing disbelief the inaction, apathy and neglect of these families as if they simply do not exist.

You must expect I suppose, that it is OK for these people to seek resolution through legal channels. You expect families to have thousands of dollars in hand to fight the developers. You expect them to fight when they are exhausted and defeated. You expect a lot from these people and I tell you, they expected a lot from you. They expected help. They expected a voice. At the very least they expected a phone call or knock on their door to tell them you are doing everything in their power to stop what is happening to them. How different things would be were it your own children suffering.

I don't expect this email will make any difference whatsoever, but I do feel compelled to remind you of these people without voices. You've all got delete keys. Go ahead and use them. It doesn't make it go away.

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