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MEMORANDUM TO: Susanna Zagar
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FROM: Karen Moore
Assistant Deputy Minister

RE: Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program

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Dear Colleagues:

The government is introducing the new Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program to support businesses required to reduce capacity as part of the additional measures to tackle the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

Through this program, eligible businesses will receive rebate payments equivalent to 50 per cent of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to the current capacity limits. You can view the news release at https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001372/ontario-launches-new-supports-for-businesses.

All eligible businesses will need to apply for this program. We expect to be ready to accept applications in mid-to-late January 2022. While there is no official role for the OEB, EDA, regulated utilities or the OEA, we hope to co-ordinate with you on communications to eligible business customers to increase awareness of the program.

While details are still to come, if you have questions at this time, please contact Marc Foulon, the lead Director for the program, at marc.foulon@ontario.ca.

We appreciate the leadership of the OEB, the EDA, the province's regulated utilities and the OEA, especially during the pandemic, and thank you for your ongoing efforts to support energy customers.