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Chudleigh says;

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Halton: Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said today (Nov. 16) that the fight against Bill 51, which eliminates the right of appeal on power plant construction, is not over.

"I encourage people to come to my constituency office and lend their names to my petition calling on the McGuinty Liberal government to reinstate the right of appeal on power plant projects," said Mr. Chudleigh.

The Liberal government ended the public's right to appeal such decisions when they passed Bill 51 only a few short weeks ago. Mr. Chudleigh said he would present his petition to the Ontario Legislature after collecting signatures through the end of November.

"While the chosen proposal by Trans Canada and its location in Halton Hills make the most sense of all the potential choices, people affected should have the right to launch an appeal. That right was taken away from them," said Mr. Chudleigh. "While I expect the public uproar over some of the potential sites to die away now that those options will not be pursued, the principle behind my petition is still very much alive."

Ted Chudleigh's Halton constituency office is located at 192 Main Street in Milton. The petition is available to sign through office hours 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Mr. Chudleigh added that the outpouring of concern from residents and their elected officials must have raised a red flag at the Ontario Power Authority regarding proposed power plants in close proximity to urban areas.