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GIVE IT UP

FOR THE EARTH!



To the Honourable Steven Guilbeault,
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Our Earth is suffering. Natural systems are shifting, plant species are vulnerable, too many animals are at risk of extinction, and humans (especially in Northern communities and the Global South) are losing their lives and livelihoods to environmental degradation and disasters. Entire ecosystems, communities, and nations are struggling to survive.

The global climate crisis is rooted in the same colonial systems and structures of exploitation and racism that shaped Canada's history and continue to harm Indigenous Peoples today. To move forward in a good way, we must prioritize Indigenous autonomy, transform our economic and social structures, and create space for the voices of those who have been traditionally marginalized and continue to be particularly vulnerable to the climate crisis.

During the season of Lent, I will **GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH!** by taking action to reduce my personal greenhouse gas emissions. Recognizing that honouring Indigenous rights is at the core of achieving climate justice, I am also committed to learning about and building relationships with the Indigenous communities on whose traditional territory I live, work, and play.

But personal action is not enough.

It is essential that Canada's new climate plan include measures sufficient to meet and exceed our emissions reduction commitments, while also—as named in your mandate letter—promoting equity, resilience, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

In recent years, the Government of Canada has taken important steps towards honouring Indigenous rights, reducing emissions, and effectively addressing the climate crisis. You have also committed to end subsidies to the fossil fuel sector by 2023. Yet we are far from achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goals.

Mr. Minister, Canada needs to **GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH!**

Will you follow-through on existing climate action commitments and also legislate a just transition that dismantles systems of oppression and inequality by centering Indigenous rights; promotes fairness and inclusion; and creates good, secure, green jobs?

For the Love of Creation,

 Name Traditional Territory Municipality, Prov/Terr. Postal Code
 cc.: Minister Chrystia Freeland, Finance
 Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, Natural Resources
 Minister Marc Miller, Crown-Indigenous Relations
 My MP: (name) (riding)

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PUBLIC JUSTICE 



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GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH! is a campaign of Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ), a national organization of members inspired by faith to act for justice in Canadian public policy. CPJ is a proud member of the faith-based climate justice initiative, For the Love of Creation (FLC). We thank FLC for their collaboration. We also extend our thanks to the members of our climate advisory committee, whose insights and experience were instrumental in shaping this campaign.

Please return your signed letters to:

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They will be delivered to Ministers Guilbeault, Freeland, Wilkinson, and Miller, as well as the signatory's Member of Parliament.

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To the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson,

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I will **GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH!** by:

name emission-reducing action(s) here

Canada has established an important climate action baseline. Yet even with recent measures, we are far from achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goals. The federal government must improve climate policies and reduce emissions as promised.

How will Canada **GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH?**

We call on you to **invest in a National Just Transition and Decarbonization Strategy**. A modernized, diversified green economy will lead to major emissions reductions, create good, secure jobs, and promote the well-being of everyone in Canada.

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In recent years, the Government of Canada has taken important steps towards [honouring Indigenous rights](#), [reducing emissions](#), and effectively [addressing the climate crisis](#). Yet even with recent measures, we are far from achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goals. Mr. Minister, How will Canada Give it up for the Earth?

It is essential that Canada's new climate plan include measures sufficient to meet and exceed our emissions reduction commitments, while also promoting equity, resilience, and healing.

Will you commit the Government of Canada to follow through on the commitment to end subsidies to the fossil fuel sector by 2023 and use those funds to begin investing in a legislated just transition to an Indigenous-centred, fair, inclusive, green economy that creates good secure jobs, and promotes the well-being of those disproportionately impacted by systems of oppression and inequality?

For the Love of Creation,

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Alternate text for “ask”:

Will you commit the Government of Canada to follow through on the commitment to stop supporting oil and gas companies with public money, and instead invest in creating a new green economy that is inclusive, Indigenous-centred, and based in the principles of social equity and justice?