
May 21, 2025

Rt. Hon. Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

OPEN LETTER

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: 131 Civil Society Groups Support Renewable Energy and
Oppose Federal Investment in New Nuclear Reactors**

Congratulations on your election to office and on forming the Government of Canada. We join with all Canadians in wishing you well as you steer our country through the current turbulent waters.

As you set your government's agenda and Ministers' mandates, we wish to draw your attention to an important consideration on which you may not have been briefed: that while there is widespread support in Canada for renewable energy, a large segment of the population is strongly opposed to direct taxpayer-funded investments in new nuclear reactors.

We listened carefully to your comments to date about making Canada an “energy superpower” and your support for “clean and conventional” energy sources. We are concerned that you may be unduly influenced by the nuclear and fossil industry lobbies who are no doubt already making their pitches for more public funds to sustain and grow their industries.

You, as an economist, must appreciate that energy efficiency, renewables and energy storage are the best investment for energy supply, requiring less capital investment and providing the best return on the dollar in terms of energy production, job creation, and rapid greenhouse gas reduction.

In contrast, spending on new nuclear energy projects provides much poorer returns for each dollar invested. Nuclear projects also have longer, more uncertain implementation timelines with a history of large project cost overruns, and issues related to radioactive emissions and long-term radioactive waste management persist. New nuclear projects would also drive electricity rates higher and worsen the affordability crisis, a top concern of voters in the recent election.



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Investment in small non-CANDU nuclear reactor projects would invariably cause investment dollars to leave Canada, while operation of these reactors would require the sourcing of fuel from outside Canada. Using “advanced” fuels such as HALEU or MOX would add worrisome nuclear weapons proliferation risks.

The nuclear and fossil industries have much readier access to government decision-makers than we do as public interest groups representing Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast. With your new government and a new start, we ask you to remedy this by meeting with a small number of representatives of the 131 groups who are signatories to this letter to discuss Canada’s energy future.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to receiving your response, and to our continued discussion in support of your government's efforts to develop renewable energy systems across Canada.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Pierre Finet
Le Regroupement des organismes
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The list of endorsing groups is below.

c.c. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs
 The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance and National Revenue
 The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry
 The Honourable Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
 The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
 The Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation

Endorsed by 131 civil society organizations:

Action Environnement Basses Laurentides	Québec
Algonquin Youth Collective	Québec
Association québécoise de lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA)	Québec
Boreal Action	Manitoba

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Camp Morningstar	Manitoba
Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR)	National
Canadian Engaged Buddhism Association	Alberta
Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons	Ontario
Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice	National
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace	National
CEDAR project at St. Thomas University	New Brunswick
Centre for Social Innovation	Ontario
Christian Life Communities Canada	Ontario
Citizens Against Radioactive Neighbourhoods (CARN)	Ontario
Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada	Ontario
Citizens Environment Alliance	Ontario
Citizens' Network on Waste Management	Ontario
Citizens United for a Sustainable Planet (CUSP)	Ontario
Clean Green Regina	Saskatchewan
Clean North	Ontario
Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (CALL)	Ontario
Climate Action Muskoka	Ontario
Climate Action Parry Sound (CAPS)	Ontario
Climate Justice Saskatoon	Saskatchewan
Coalition for a Clean Green Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan
Coalition for Responsible Energy Development in New Brunswick	New Brunswick
Comité du Verre de Sherbrooke	Québec
Community Counts Foundation	Ontario
Concerned Citizens of Manitoba	Manitoba
Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area	Ontario
Conservation Council of New Brunswick	New Brunswick
Council of Canadians Avalon Chapter	Newfoundland and Labrador
Council of Canadians Edmonton Chapter	Alberta
Council of Canadians Fredericton Chapter	New Brunswick
Council of Canadians HRM Chapter (Halifax)	Nova Scotia
Council of Canadians Kitchissippi- Ottawa Valley Chapter	Ontario
Council of Canadians London Chapter	Ontario
Council of Canadians Ottawa Chapter	Ontario
Council of Canadians qathet Chapter	British Columbia
Decolonial Solidarity	National network
Doctors for Planetary Health - West Coast	British Columbia
Durham Nuclear Awareness	Ontario
Eau Secours	Québec
Ecology Action Centre	Nova Scotia
Environment North	Ontario
Etobicoke Climate Action	Ontario

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Film Farm	Ontario
Fredericton Community Climate Hub	New Brunswick
Fredericton Raging Grannies	New Brunswick
Fridays For Future Ottawa	Ontario
Friends for Peace Building and Conflict Transformation	Ontario
Friends of the Earth Canada	Ontario
Grand Riverkeeper Labrador, Inc.	Newfoundland and Labrador
Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet (GASP)	Ontario
Green Coalition Verte	Québec
Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital	Ontario
Human Rights Task Force	Ontario
InterChurch Uranium Committee Educational Cooperative	Saskatchewan
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Canada	National
Invisible Hand Productions Inc	British Columbia
KAIROS Halifax	Nova Scotia
Kebaowek First Nation	Québec
Leap4wards: New Brunswick	New Brunswick
Legal Advocates for Nature's Defence	Ontario
Les Artistes pour la Paix	Québec
M & M International	Ontario
Making Peace Vigil	Saskatchewan
Manitoba Eco-Network	Manitoba
Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition	Manitoba
Mères au front Outaouais	Québec
Montreal for a World BEYOND War	Québec
National Farmers Union	Ontario
Native Calgarian Podcast	Alberta
New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance	New Brunswick
Nipissing Environmental Watch	Ontario
No Clearcuts Kingston, Inc.	Ontario
No Nuclear Waste in Northwestern Ontario	Ontario
Noor Cultural Centre	Ontario
Northwatch	Ontario
Nova Scotia Regional Committee, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment	Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace	Nova Scotia
Nuclear Free Thunder Bay	Ontario
Old Fort William Cottagers' Association	Québec
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Ontario
Ontario Climate Emergency Coalition	Ontario
Outaouais Wellness Learning (OWL)	Ontario

Oxford Coalition for Social Justice	Ontario
Oxford Environmental Action Committee	Ontario
Pasamsa	Québec
Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. (PRGI)	New Brunswick
Pax Christi Canada	Ontario
PEACE-NB	New Brunswick
Peterborough Pollinators	Ontario
Pontiac Environment Protection / Protection environnementale du Pontiac	Québec
Port Hope Community Health Concerns Committee	Ontario
Poverty Free Thunder Bay/Human Rights Task Force	Ontario
Prevent Cancer Now	National
Protect Our Waterways No Nuclear Waste	Ontario
Qu'Appelle Valley Environmental Association	Saskatchewan
Ralliement contre la pollution radioactive	Québec
Regenerating Toronto	Ontario
Regroupement des organismes environnementaux en énergie (ROÉE)	Québec
Regroupement Vigilance Energie Québec	Québec
Religions for Peace Canada	Québec
Religions pour la Paix - Québec	Québec
Réseau québécois des groupes écologistes - RQGE	Québec
Saskatchewan Environmental Society	Saskatchewan
SCAN! Ottawa	Ontario
Seniors for Climate Action Now	Ontario
Sept-îles Sans URanium 2009 (SISUR 2009)	Québec
Seventh Generation Initiative	Ontario
Sierra Club Canada	National
Société pour vaincre la pollution	Québec
SOS Great Lakes	Ontario
Sunset Country Spirit Alliance	Ontario
Sussex Society of Public Interest	New Brunswick
Sustainable Energy Group	New Brunswick
The 6th Avenue	Ontario
The Inverhuron Committee	Ontario
The Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee	Alberta
Toronto Raging Grannies	Ontario
United Church East Eco-Justice Working Group	Nova Scotia
UQAM, Collectif scientifique sur les enjeux énergétiques au Québec	Québec
Voices for Sustainable Environments and Communities	New Brunswick
We the Nuclear Free North	Ontario
Western Half Yearly Meeting (Quakers)	British Columbia
Whiskey Golf Yacht Club	British Columbia
Wolastoq Grand Council	New Brunswick
Yukoners Concerned	Yukon