

# Open Letter Supporting the Copenhagen Climate Bill

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Dear Members of Parliament,

The climate crisis represents the most urgent challenge of our time. Failure to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases will lead to catastrophic changes in our climate, threatening millions of people with drought, famine, extreme weather events and rising sea levels. Less than two months before international talks in Copenhagen, you have an historic opportunity and responsibility to prevent a climate catastrophe.

We are asking all Members of Parliament to join together to ensure that Bill C-311, *The Climate Change Accountability Act*, is passed by the House before the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, which runs from December 7-18. Bill C-311 will ensure that Canada follows the best scientific analysis of the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change by setting science-based targets to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, and by requiring effective accountability measures to meet those targets.

Passing this crucial legislation before the talks in Copenhagen will send a clear message to the world community: Canada is prepared to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis. We can protect future generations from catastrophic climate change, and make the transition to the sustainable economy of the future by investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency. We hope you will take action now to ensure that Canada plays a leading role in stopping dangerous climate change.

Sincerely,

Sierra Club Canada

Sierra Youth Coalition

Canadian Youth Climate Coalition

Climate Action Network Canada

The Pembina Institute

Ecology Action Centre

Council of Canadians

Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec

KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives / KAIROS : initiatives œcuméniques canadiennes pour la justice

David Suzuki Foundation

Saskatchewan Environmental Society

Canadian Association for Renewable Energies

L'Association québécoise de lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA)

Greenpeace Canada

Équiterre

National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE)

Polaris Institute

WWF-Canada

The Humane Society of Canada

ForestEthics

Québec Kyoto

Nature Saskatchewan

Nature Canada

BC Nature (Federation of BC Naturalists)

Georgia Strait Alliance

Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario

Physicians for Global Survival

United Food and Commercial Workers Canada

Environment Northeast

Toronto Climate Campaign

Jane Goodall Institute

Toronto West Carbon Reduction Action Group

The Centre for Northern Families

The Temiskaming Native Women's Support Group

Students on Ice Expeditions / Expéditions Students on Ice

Next Generation

Science for Peace

Green 13

The Community Coalition Against Uranium Mining (CCAMU)

Climate Action Now

Greenspiration

Edmonton Friends of the North Environmental Society (EFONES)

Vegans and Vegetarians of Alberta Association (VVoA)

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