

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED
HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

Whereas:

- The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C clearly communicates that the future of humanity is at risk without “rapid and far-reaching” changes to mitigate a 1.5°C temperature rise in the next 11 years and to achieve zero emissions by 2050;
- Canada is on course to significantly overshoot our 2030 Paris Agreement target (Auditor General’s Report 2018) with oil and gas and transportation emissions continuing to rise (Government of Canada);
- The World Health Organization has clearly stated that “climate change is the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century”; and
- The health impacts from climate change, including lung disease, heat-related illness, spread of infectious diseases, displacement, famine, drought, and mental health impacts, are being felt in Canada and abroad and are expected to accelerate across our planet at an unprecedented rate threatening “human lives and viability of the national health systems they depend on” (Lancet Countdown 2018, Lancet Countdown Briefing for Canadian Policymakers, 2018).

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- Act upon the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment “Call to Action on Climate Change and Health” report (February 5, 2019), which has clearly outlined specific measures towards zero emissions;
- Prioritize the elimination of emissions and preservation of a healthy environment as part of every portfolio and in every decision made by our federal and provincial parties;
- Implement a nationwide carbon pricing strategy;
- Commit to the rapid elimination of fossil fuels and coal from our economy;
- Commit to rapid incorporation of green energy and net-zero infrastructure across the country; and,
- Eliminate single use plastics.

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2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
8. A petition must have a minimum of 25 signatures.
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