

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

RESTORE THE NRTEE

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT, WHEREAS The National Roundtable on the Economy and the Environment (NRTEE) emerged out of the 1987 National Taskforce on the Environment and the Economy, and was inspired by the idea, “If we change the way we make decisions, we will change the kind of decisions we make”;

WHEREAS the NRTEE has played a critical role in Canada, until 2006 reporting directly to the Prime Minister, and beyond being an advisory body brought policy makers and stakeholders to the same table, for the shared task of striving towards sustainable economic prosperity, without sacrificing our natural environment;

WHEREAS NRTEE’s Mission Statement is “BRINGING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY TOGETHER”:

More than ever, Canada’s future rests on a common foundation that brings our environment and economy together. From climate change to clean energy, from water sustainability to air quality, Canadians are touched by decisions made by governments, industry, and communities about environmental and economic policy.

Traditional ways of thinking saw conflict between the economy and the environment. No longer. Not only can we reconcile environmental and economic considerations in our public policy choices, but we must. Environmental and economic matters cannot be considered in isolation from each other. Both are driven by the same objectives – to sustain Canada’s prosperity without borrowing from future generations or compromising their ability to live securely.

There are many challenges ahead to our future prosperity; yet, great opportunities also. Our response, as Canadians, to meeting those challenges and seizing those opportunities will have profound economic and environmental implications for our country. In a world where environmental stewardship and economic prosperity are increasingly linked, the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy is engaging Canadians in ideas and solutions. We find sustainable pathways that help preserve our environment while building a strong economy.

WHEREAS the NRTEE Act was repealed in the 41st Parliament by Bill C-38;

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call on the House of Commons to immediately enact legislation to restore the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy to its critical role of bringing the environment and the economy together.

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