



November 16, 2006

An open letter to:

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
Liberal Leader Bill Graham
NDP Leader Jack Layton
Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe

Dears Sirs:

The decision to amend the Clean Air Act in the House of Commons presents an historic opportunity for Canada to show the world how a country can come to grips with the issue of climate change. On behalf of the tens of thousands of investors we serve, we urge you to seize this moment to take decisive action on this monumental challenge facing humankind.

The Clean Air Act, as currently proposed, does not provide the type of leadership by the Government of Canada, that people expect and need, on climate change. As managers of billions of dollars of savings on behalf of Canadians, we believe it is necessary to call for immediate and specific action to limit the impacts of climate change. Decisive action is needed now to protect the future income and economic security of Canadians.

Specifically, the Act:

- fails to establish clear targets for greenhouse gas emissions.
- sets a 2050 time frame which is simply too far away to deal effectively with the immediate challenges of climate change or influence planning and investment decisions, particularly around major infrastructure spending.

In a spirit of multi-party co-operation, and as part of the House of Commons debate, we urge you to take the necessary action to protect the Earth's climate, and the well-being of Canadian citizens. The steps necessary for immediate change include:

- establish strict targets for emission reductions. Under the Kyoto Protocol, signatories – including Canada -- committed to reducing emissions by an average of five per cent below 1990 greenhouse gas levels by 2012.
- work co-operatively with the international community to establish workable targets for greenhouse gas emissions, and to put those into legislation.
- take legislative action to establish a cap-and-trade system of carbon trading in Canada. Action to establish a carbon trading market in Canada would place this country on a level playing field with Europe, California and other US states, and other jurisdictions.

The Montreal Exchange has already announced that it is ready and willing to establish a carbon trading market in Canada; all that is required is a regime of emissions targets and a cap-and-trade system to make it work.

We believe these measures would have profound impacts on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Canada. The sustainable investment community in Canada has research, thought leadership, and an in-depth understanding of the issues that we would be happy to share in order to help make a difference in achieving specific climate change goals.

Signed,

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Don Rolfe, CEO
The Ethical Funds Company.

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Kerry Ho, CEO
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Meritas Mutual Funds

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Eugene Ellmen, Executive Director
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