

# Citizens' Climate Lobby Lobby Climatique des Citoyens

Groups meet at 9:45am PT / 12:45pm ET. The conference call starts at 10am PT / 1pm ET.

The call lasts for a little over an hour and then the groups meet to plan actions.

**Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665: Passcode: 440699#**

**Instructions:** Sign on to the call at least 5 minutes before the start time. When you first join the call, announce your name, city, and how many people are in the room.

## August 13, 2016 – Rikkia Ramsey from Truman Center



Our guest for the August 13 national is Rikkia Ramsey, Policy Program Coordinator for the Truman Center. Before joining the Truman Center, Rikkia was Military Legislative Correspondent for U.S. Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC), addressing constituent concerns regarding defense and foreign policy issues. She'll talk about the Truman Center's Operation Free, a coalition of veterans and national security experts that advocate for securing America with clean energy. It recognizes that climate change and our dependence on oil, are national security threats and fights on a local, state and federal level for strong clean energy policies.

### AUGUST 2016 CANADIAN ACTIONS

- 1) Get 30 signatures on a paper petition for Carbon Fee & Dividend and ask your MP to present it in the House of Commons when Parliament resumes in the fall.
- 2) It is housekeeping time. Make sure your 2016 field reports are up-to-date. Please also include any major projects you may conducted, especially those in the lead up to Election 2015, that are not captured by field reports in [a Survey Monkey by August 30](#). In the Survey Monkey describe how your action got us closer to achieving our goal of having an effective national carbon pricing policy in Canada.

**Ongoing and Special Request:** Savour the summer and do what *rocks your boat* as indicated in the [July 2016 Action Sheets](#). **Do you have 10 minutes?** We have a special request. Please leave comments online at the Ministry of National Defence's website specifically [on this page](#): scroll down to Marjorie Wesche's post, "like" Mari, Cathy and Caterina's comments and leave additional comments: If you leave comments, be sure to enter it as a field report as a "Letter to Congress" to Minister Harjit Sajjan. More details in the [July 2016 Action Sheets](#).

### ONTARIO ACTION: [forontario.ca](http://forontario.ca)

Give feedback on the Ontario PC Party website launched this summer. [Register online](#) and "Submit Your Idea" of [Carbon Fee and Dividend](#). Register online and the Submit Your Idea link is located at the bottom of the page. 

If you'd prefer to submit your ideas by hard copy, please include your full name, phone number and address and mail to:

Attention: FOR ONTARIO  
Ontario PC Party,  
59 Adelaide Street East  
4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario,  
M5C 1K6

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### SAVE THE DATES:

- [CCL Canada's National Conference and lobbying days](#), Saturday, November 26 to Tuesday November 29, 2016. Online registration open from September 11 to November 11.
- CCL USA's 2017 International Conference: June 11-13, 2017.

# **ACTION #1: Get 30 signatures on a paper petition for Carbon Fee & Dividend and ask your MP to present it in the House of Commons when Parliament resumes in the fall**

In 2011 we learned that Parliamentarians like to read petitions in the House of Commons. Thus, we started the [Parliamentary Petition project](#). On May 11, 2016, CCL Canada launched an e-petition ([#e297](#)) for Carbon Fee and Dividend (CF&D) on the new government website and our petition garnered 500 signatures in the first three days of being launched. Thus it will be presented in the House of Commons by Toronto MP Nathaniel Erskine Smith (Beaches East York Toronto), our sponsor, and the government must provide a written response, posted online, within 45 days.

By the end of the year, Canada will have a [national price on carbon pollution](#). To increase the probability of having a truly effective national carbon pricing policy we want to empower as many MPs as possible to champion CF&D in the House of Commons. Thus, we are asking you this month to get at least 30 signatures on a paper petition for CF&D and ask your MP to present it in the House of Commons when [Parliament resumes in September](#).

Paper petitions for CF&D are available in English ([PDF](#) or [Word doc](#)) and French ([PDF](#) or [Word](#)). The rules for parliamentary paper petitions [on Parliament's website](#). These petitions previously were Ok'd by the petition's clerk in Canada's parliament.

**PURPOSE:** We use petitions to educate parliament about the urgency of the climate crisis and our solution. Also, it could possibly empower your MP to be more supportive of Carbon Fee and Dividend if he/she sees local support for our solution.

## **Instructions:**

- Have people sign the petition at outreach events and/or carry a copy of it and ask acquaintances to sign it.
- Once you have obtained 30 signatures, call your MP's office
- Identify yourself as a constituent of his/her riding
- Ask if your MP if he/she would be willing read our Parliamentary Petition on climate change in its entirety (excluding the signatories) in the House of Commons
- Print the petition on legal (8.5 x 14) or letter-size (8.5 x 11) paper.
- Make sure there are at least three lines for signatures on the first page.
- Make sure there is a line at the top of every signature page thereafter indicating that it is a parliamentary petition and its topic.
- Get at least 25 signatures on the petition – follow the instructions closely. We recommend getting 30 just to be safe.
- Once completed, copy it for your files if you wish, then bring the original file to your MP's office in to be read in Parliament.
- If your MP will not read the petition, we can send it to other MPs who will. Follow up by asking when it will be read in Parliament, how it was received and a big thank you via snail mail, email/or and social media.

**Cabinet Ministers** are not permitted to read petitions in the House of Commons as it would constitute a “conflict of interest”. Thus if your MP is a cabinet Minister you should inform him/her about the petition and ask if he/she could suggest another MP from your region who might read the petition instead.

## **Hand deliver or send the original copy of the petition to:**

YOUR MP'S NAME  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6

No stamp is required for Parliament in Ottawa.

**DOCUMENTING:** Document the progress of your paper petition for CF&D [HERE](#) so that we can empower each other. Once the petition is presented in the House of Commons by your MP, it is considered [OUTREACH](#) in a CCL field report as you have successfully got your MP to talk about CF&D in the House of Commons.

## **ACTION #2: It is housekeeping time. Document everything you have done thus far in 2016 in field reports**

Thank you to everyone who regularly submit field reports. Canada is going to have a [national price on carbon pollution](#). To increase the probability of having a truly effective national carbon pricing policy, we want to be able to show politicians how fantastically organized and committed we are to helping them.

Field reports let you and the national office track our activity, for our own development and to share with supporters, parliamentarians and funders. More directions are on [the field report form](#).

### **Types of actions to report:**

- a. **Meetings** with legislators or their staff, editorial boards, and asking a question at a Town Hall event.
- b. **Published media**, letters to editor, editorials, op-eds, articles, on-line media, TV, Radio.
- c. **Outreach** including tabling or presentations at events, and educational presentations and getting CCL members to sign our e-petition (see [June 2016 Canada Action Sheets for details](#)).
- d. **Personal Letters to members of Congress** Report the total number of letters, constituent comments or emails to members of Parliament and Senators (not emails to staff) for the month. This includes comments online at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, [Ministry of National Defence](#) and any online form from the government or political party including the online form for [the Ontario PC party](#).

**SURVEY MONKEY FOR REPORTS NOT CAPTURED IN OUR FIELD REPORTS:** Please also include any major projects you may conducted that had national impact, especially those in the lead up to Election 2015, that are not captured by field reports in a [Survey Monkey](#) by August 30. In the Survey Monkey describe what you did and how your action got us closer to achieving our goal of having an effective national carbon pricing policy in Canada.

## **LASER TALK: Momentum is building for a national carbon price**

On Friday, July 15, 2016, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna and [Canada's Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition](#)\* sent out a joint statement in support of a national carbon price and Minister McKenna announced Canada will have a [national carbon price by the end of the year](#).

Citizens' Climate Lobby has been lobbying for carbon fee and dividend since September 2010. Other civil society groups such as [Ecojustice](#), [KAIROS](#), [Canada 2020](#) and [Canadians for Clean Prosperity](#) have all called for a national carbon tax over cap and trade. The [Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice \(CUSJ\)](#) specifically support carbon fee and dividend.

It is not just the grassroots that support carbon pricing. In November 2014, [the Clean50](#), a group of corporate leaders wrote an open letter calling for a national carbon price that would reduce income tax and incentivize investments in clean tech. In March 2015, Sustainable Canada Dialogues, a consortium of 70 academics released a paper "[Acting on Climate Change: Solutions from Canadian Scholars](#)" called for a national carbon price. Quite recently, the [Canadian Mining Association](#) called for a national, economy-wide and revenue-neutral carbon price in April 2016.

In June 2015 the editorial boards for the national newspapers for the USA and Canada, [New York Times](#) and [Globe and Mail](#) endorsed revenue neutral carbon taxes. Since July 2015 and very recently, Lorrie Goldstein, a columnist at the [Toronto Sun](#) has been specifically endorsing carbon fee and dividend.

In 2017, Canada will have a national price on carbon. By working together across Canada we can make 2017 a year when we not only celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and its 100 years since Vimy Ridge commemorative events, but also finally start shifting some of PM Borden's regressive and "[temporary income tax of 1917](#)" towards pollution taxes. After all, we should be taxing the things we don't like and not taxing the things, such as income, we like. Why? Because it's 2016!

### **\*Canada's Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition includes:**

Air Canada, Barrick Gold Corporation, BMO Financial Group, Canadian Tire Corporation, Carbon Engineering Ltd., Catalyst Paper Corporation, Cement Association of Canada, Cenovus Energy Inc., Desjardins Group, Enbridge Inc., IKEA Canada, Loblaw Companies Limited, Resolute Forest Products Inc., Royal Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, Shell Canada Limited, Suncor Energy, TD Bank Group, Teck Resources Limited, TELUS, The Co-operators Group Limited, The Toronto Dominion Bank Group, TransCanada Corporation and Unilever Canada Inc.