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ISSUE: We need to eliminate subsidies to the fossil fuel sector.

Talking Points:

- Subsidies undermine efforts to reduce consumption of fossil fuels, which are the main source of carbon emissions.
- Fossil fuel companies are well established and should not require public assistance, in contrast to the emerging renewable energy sector.
- Canada, as a member of the G20, has committed to eliminate fossil fuel subsidies.
- Natural gas and LNG are fossil fuels and so are not clean energy.

The Ask: Please provide more transparency about the many fossil fuels subsidies still in place and start eliminating those subsidies now, redirecting those investments to things like (choose a few): renewable energy, low carbon transportation, energy efficiency, job retraining, environmental reclamation.

Send to: The Honourable Bill Morneau,
Minister of Finance
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A6

Note: Please cc at the bottom of your letter the following MPs:

- The Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources
- Mr. Pierre Poilievre, Conservative Critic for Finance
- Mr. Alexandre Boulerice, NDP Critic for Finance
- Your MP: Mr. Wayne Stetski, MP (Kootenay-Columbia) or Mr. Richard Cannings (South Okanagan-West Kootenay)

See the sample letter on the back for formatting and style suggestions.

Please hand write your letter – we will make copies to cc other MPs listed above.

Address your envelope to the Minister and other MPs that are cc'ed
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Use paper clip to keep letter and envelopes together.

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FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES SAMPLE

January 1, 2018
Jane Brown
123 Baker St
Nelson BC

The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance

Dear Minister,

Sentence # 1 – describe yourself and where you are writing from:

I am _____ (a teacher/a student/a mother/an engineer etc.) writing to you from Nelson, BC

Sentence #2 – describe the issue you are writing about:

I am very concerned (upset/worried/deeply troubled) about the continued subsidies to the fossil fuel sector.

Sentence #3 - add in one or two of the talking points

If we are trying to transition away from fossil fuels, we should not offer financial support so that industry can expand.

Sentence #4 - Make a specific call for action

Please eliminate fossil fuel subsidies and invest that money to support the development of Green Technologies and environmental reclamation.

Sincerely,

sign here
Jane Brown

cc

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