



CCL Monthly Conference Call Saturday, June 2, 2012

Groups meet at 9:45am PT/12:45pm ET

The international conference call starts at 10:00am PT/1:00pm ET

The conference call part of the meeting is a little over an hour long and the groups meet for another hour after that to plan actions.

Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665. Pass code 440699#



Guest Speaker: Former Congressman Bob Inglis

Former Congressman Bob Inglis, a Republican from South Carolina, served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before leaving office in 2011. During his tenure, he introduced the Raise Wages, Cut Carbon Act of 2009, a bill to tax carbon and return the revenue to citizens through cuts in payroll taxes. Since leaving Congress, he continues to be a staunch advocate for a national policy to price carbon. Early in his career, Inglis was a climate change skeptic. His views began to shift after a conversation with his son, who had recently turned 18. “My son said to me, ‘Dad, I’ll vote for you, but you got to clean up your act on the environment.’ His sisters and mother agreed and so, I mean, that’s a pretty important constituency to please.”

Actions:

- 1) Practice this month’s laser talk.
- 2) Participate in Black Out Speak Out & Environment Week. Write letters to the PM, Ministers of Environment & Natural Resources, the opposition critics and your MP. For details, messages and resources, visit www.citizensclimatelobby.ca. Encourage others to do so via your social networks.
- 3) Write letters to the editor regarding Black Out Speak Out.

JUNE LASER TALK

Speak Out During Black Out Speak Out

Today I am joining 130 civil society groups and well over 13,000 Canadians to speak out against Bill C-38, considered the most sweeping overhaul of Canadian law ever contemplated in one piece of legislation. This legislation would throw out more than 60 existing federal statutes, including environmental protections, and scrutinize the political activities of environmental charities.

We are speaking out because ***Charities are being targeted.*** The government is adding \$8 million in new funding for the Canada Revenue Agency to audit environmental groups for doing nothing more than exercising their legal right to advocate for laws to fight global warming and protect natural resources.

We are speaking out because ***Canadians' participation in Parliament is being disrespected.*** Instead of following the established process for making sweeping changes, which allows for thorough public debate, these changes are being shoehorned into a massive budget law. These changes will have serious consequences for all Canadians, and our voices are not being heard.

We are speaking out because ***Nature is being put at serious risk.*** The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act is being replaced with a totally new law. Under it, Ottawa will play a much smaller role in protecting people from harmful projects, while retaining the right to rubber-stamp big projects that powerful oil interests want. And the new weaker rules are being applied to review processes already underway for projects like the Enbridge Northern Gateway tankers and pipeline.

We are speaking out because ***Too much power is in the hands of too few.*** Politicians in Cabinet will be able to overrule the National Energy Board if powerful oil interests don't like its decision.

We are speaking out because ***Trusted advisors to government that provide high-quality analysis for balanced policy are being ignored.*** The 2012 budget eliminates the funding for the last remaining government advisory body – the National Roundtable on the Environment and Economy (NRTEE). Recently the NRTEE warned that climate change will drain \$5 billion a year from the Canadian economy by 2020. The costs will climb steeply after that, chopping Canadian economy activity by between \$21 billion and \$43 billion a year by 2050.

[REPRESENTATIVE], will you join us and Speak Out against bill C-38? Will you join us and Speak Up for full democratic participation by all parties in our Energy future? And, will you support a Canadian Energy Strategy that embraces the New Energy Transition that focuses on conservation and renewable energy?