

CCL Monthly Conference Call, November 3, 2012

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

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

<u>Instructions</u>: Sign on to the call at least <u>five minutes</u> before the start time. When you first get on the call, announce your <u>name</u>, <u>city</u> and <u>how many people are in the room</u>.

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

Guest speaker: Dr. Wendy Ring, Physicians for Social Responsibility



Dr. Wendy Ring, a physician in Northern California who has practiced family medicine for 25 years, will talk about the impact climate change is expected to have on our health. Dr. Ring, a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, recently completed a cross-country bicycle trip to "wake people up to the danger we face and the need to move clean energy to the top of our national agenda." Near the end of her trip, she teamed up with CCL to lead briefings for congressional staffers in Washington.

- 1) Action #1: Lobbying with the Climate Action Network in Ottawa the week of November 5.
- **2) Action #2: Eat Nothing Buy Nothing -** On Friday, November 23, 2012,in partnership with *Hamilton 350* and *A Fast and Vigil for Climate Justice*, we will support Hamilton 350's day of action. They are going to **Eat Nothing for 24 Hours and Buy Nothing for 24 Hours**. We can support this action in 3 ways: **1)** Sign their online pledge; **2)** Write thank you letters to our local MP's that signed the Climate Fast Pledge. If your MP did not sign the pledge you can urge them to do so; **3)** Create your own event in solidarity.
- **3) Laser Talk:** Write letters to the editor and speak about the connection between Hurricane Sandy and need for a price on carbon using the laser talk as a guideline.
- **4) Upcoming December Action -** What do you really want for Christmas this year? Political will for a sustainable world? Consider asking people you know to make a financial contribution to Citizens Climate Lobby. (We bumped this to December because of Superstorm/Frankenstorm Sandy.)

Action #1:

Lobbying in Ottawa: During the week of <u>November 5</u>, some of us will be attending the Climate Action Network Canada's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and lobbying days in Ottawa. Please be sure to join us on Canada's monthly call (Wednesday November 21, 2012) to find out what happened as we cannot report details in emails.

Note, stated previously that you are to lobby your MP the following week. However, we have a an action that should help you continue to develop your relationship with your Member of Parliament on **Black Friday.**

Action #2: Eat Nothing for 24 hours and Buy Nothing for 24 hours

On Friday, November 23, 2012, in partnership with *Hamilton 350* and *A Fast and Vigil for Climate Justice* www.climatefast.ca we will support Hamilton 350's fast. They are going to Eat Nothing for 24 Hours and Buy Nothing for 24 Hours. We can support this action in three ways:

- 1) Sign their online pledge and ask others to do so at <a href="http://www.change.org/en-CA/petitions/government-of-canada-government-of-ontario-government-of-hamilton-climate-change-affects-food-security-take-serious-action-now?utm_source=supporter_message&utm_medium=email
- 2) Write thank you letters to our local MP's that signed the Climate Fast Pledge. If your MP did not sign the pledge with the three simple asks you can urge them to do so. (More information below).
- 3) Create your own event in solidarity- Please inform cathy@citizensclimatelobby.ca if you create an event and she will post it online

Updates and details about the event will be posted on our website http://citizensclimatelobby.ca/node/120 (please give me until Friday to correct minor typos)



Background Information:

From September 21 to October 2, a dozen Canadians fasted and held vigil on Parliament Hill to draw attention to the climate crisis. They urged Canadians to contact their politicians concerning the three simple asks. By the end of the campaign, approximately 400 Canadians pledged to do so.

Excitingly, 85 MP's and 13 Senators committed themselves to the three simple asks of the Climate Fasters:

- 1) End fossil fuel subsidies
- 2) Put a price on carbon
- 3) Support the development of a renewable energy plan for Canada

We are going to continue the campaign by either thanking our local politicians for signing the pledge or asking them to sign the pledge.

Instructions

- 1. Check the lists on the next pages to see if your MP has signed the pledge or not.
- 2. If it appears that your MP has not signed the pledge please do not assume they have not done so because the list is constantly updating. Thus, double check the online at http://www.climatefast.ca/ and scour the scroll on the bottom right hand side of the page for your MP's signature.
- 3. Please do not assume that your MP has not signed the pledge. When you call and ask your MP to sign *be very cautious* in your language. Introduce yourself and politely ask if the MP has heard about *The Fast and Vigil for Climate Justice*. Indicate that you have looked for their pledge online and have not been able to find it. Ask if your Member of Parliament has signed the pledge and indicate how many MP's have signed. Perhaps point out who of interest has signed the pledge such as local MP's in your area. Instruct that they can sign the pledge online. Offer to send a follow up email. Get the name of the person you are speaking with and which email address they would for you to send the Climate Fast information like to. Use the email script found after the lists to follow-up.

LIBERAL SIGNATURES

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE SCROLL ON THE HOMEPAGE OF THE CLIMATE FAST FOR UPDATES

Joyce Murray – Vancouver/ Quadra Mark Eyking- Sydney / Victoria Kevin Lamoureux - Winnipeg North GTA Bob Rae - Toronto, Ontario Carolyn Bennett – St. Paul's Kirsty Duncan – Etob North Judy Sgro, York West John McKay, Scarborough – Guildwood

WESTERN CANADA

SOUTHERN & EASTERN ONTARIO (not GTA) John McCallum – Markham Unionville Frank Valeriote - Guelph Ted Hsu - Kingston& the Islands

QUEBEC Francis Scarpaleggia - Lac St. Louis Denis Coderre - Bourassa Lise St. Denis Saint-MauriceChamplain, Irwin Cotler - Mount Royal Massimo Pacetti, St Leonard, St. Michel

THE EAST COAST
Scott Brison - King-Hants
Geoff Regan - Halifax West
Dominic LeBlanc - NB
Wayne Easter - Malpeque Nfld
Judy Foote - Random Burin St. Nfld
Sean Casey PEI
- 22 MP's to date

<u>SENATURS</u>
Grant Mitchell - Alberta
Bob Peterson - Sask
Maria Chaput - Manitoba
Frank Mahovlich - Northern Ontario
Marie Charette-Poulin - Nord Ont
Art Eggleton - Toronto
Celine Hemieux Payette – Que
Elizabeth Hubley - PEI
Fernand Robichaud - New
Brunswick
Joseph Day - New Brunswick
Wilfred Moore - Nova Scotia
Jane Cordy - Nova Scotia

George Furey - Nfld

- 13 Senators

CENATODO

NDP SIGNATURES

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WESTERN CANADA

- 1. Libby Davies Vancouver East
- **2. Nathan Cullen** Skeena Bulkley Valley
- 3. Alex Atamanenko BC South Int
- **4. Jinny Simms** Newton North Delta
- **5. Peter Julian,** Burnaby New Westminster
- **6. Linda Duncan** Edmonton-Strathcona
- 7. **Dennis Bevington** -Western Arctic
- 8. Niki Ashton Churchill

GTA

- 9. Peggy Nash Parkdale High Park
- **10.Dan Harris -** Scarborough Southwest
- 11.Andrew Cash, Davenport
- **12.Craig Scott**, Toronto Danforth
- **13.Mike Sullivan**, York South-Weston
- **14.Rathika Sitsabaiesan**-Scarborough, Rouge River
- **15.Olivia Chow**-Trinity-Spadina

ONTARIO (not GTA)

- **16.Paul Dewar** Ottawa Centre
- **17.Wayne Marston** Hamilton East
- **18.Glenn Thibeault**, Sudbury
- **19.Carol Hughes** Algoma, Manitoulin
- 20.Claude Gravelle, Nickel Belt
- **21.Charlie Angus**, Timmins James Bay
- 22.**John Rafferty** Thunderbay

THE EAST COAST

- **23.Megan Leslie**, Halifax
- **24.Ryan Cleary**, St. John's South, Mount Pearl
- **25.Peter Stouffer,** Nova Scotia (Sackville eastern shore)
- **26.Robert Chisholm,** Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

QUEBEC

- 27.Guy Caron Rimouski-Negotte-Temiscouata-Les Basques
- **28.Sana Hassainia -** Vercheres-Les Patriotes
- 29.Francois LaPointe Montmagny L'Islet
 Kamouraska Riviere du Loup
 30 Mylene Franco Argenteui
- **30.Mylene Freeman** Argenteuil Papineau- Mirabel
- **31.Isabelle Morin** -Notre Dame de Grace-Lachine
- **32.Laurin Liu** Riviere des Milles Isles
- **33.Pierre-Luc Dusseault**-Sherbrooke
- 34. **Elaine Michaud** Portneuf Jacques Cartier
- 35.**Pierre Nantel**, Longeuil-Pierre-Boucher

Ruth-Ellen Brosseau -Berthier- Maskinonge

- 36. **Jean-Francois Larose**, Repentigny
- 37.**Marc-Andre Morin -** Laurentides-Labelle
- 38.**Matthew Dube** Chambly Borduas
- 39. Paulina Ayala Honore-Mercier
- 40.**Alexandrine Latendresse** Louis St. Laurent
- 41. Francois Choquette Drummond
- 42.**Dany Morin** Chicoutimi Le Fjord
- 43. Anne Marie Day, Charlesbourg Haute Saint Charles
- 44.**Robert Aubin**, Trois-Rivieres
- 45.**Anne Minh Thu Quach**, Beauharnois Salaberry
- 46. **Raymond Cote**, Beauport Limoilou
- 47.**Pierre Jacob**, Brome-Missisquoi
- 48. Eve Peclet, La Pointe de l'Île
- 49. **Hoang Mai**, Brossard La Prairie
- 50. Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet, Hochelaga
- 51. Annick Papillon, Quebec
- 52.**Denis Blanchette**, Louis-Hebert
- 53.**Djaouida Sellah**, St. Bruno St. Hubert
- 54.**Philip Toone**, Gaspesie, Ile de la Madeleine
- 55.**Nycole Turmel,** Hull-Aylmer
- 56.**Alexandre Boulerice**, Rosemont La Patrie
- 57.**Jean Rousseau** Compton, Stanstead

Note that no Conservatives or Bloc members have signed the pledge as of October 26, 2012

NDP MP's who <u>haven't</u> signed as of October 26

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WESTERN CANADA

- Jean Crowder Nanaimo-Cowichan
- 2. **Fin Donnelly** New Westminster Coquitlam
- 3. Jasbir Sandhu -Surrey North
- 4. **Don Davies** Vancouver-Kingsway
- 5. **Kennedy Stewart**, Burnaby-Douglas
- 6. **Randall Garrison** Esquimalt--Juan de Fuca
 - 7. **Pat Martin** Winnipeg Centre **EAST COAST**
- 8. Jack Harris St. Johns East
- 9. Yvon Godin Acadie Bathurst, NB

SOUTHERN & EASTERN ONTARIO (not GTA)

- 10. Malcolm Allen Welland
- 11. **Joe Comartin** Windsor Tecumseh
- 12. **Brian Masse** Windsor West
- 13. **Dave Christopherson** Hamilton Centre (Deputy Leader)
- 14. **Chris Charlton** Hamilton mountain
- 15.**Irene Mathyssen** London Fanshawe

- 16. Thomas Mulcair, Outremont
- 17.**Romeo Saganash**, Abitibi Baie-James, Nunavik Eeyou
- 18. Tyrone Benskin Jeanne Le Ber
- 19. Francine Reynault, Joliette
- 20. Claude Patry, Jonquiere-Alma
- 21.**Helene LeBlanc**, LaSalle Emard
- 22.**Helen Laverdiere**, Laurier-St. Marie
- 23. Jose Nunez-Melo, Laval
- 24. François Pilon, Laval Les Iles
- 25. **Christine Moor**e Abitibi-Temisamingue
- 26.**Rosanne Dore Lefebvre**, Alfred Pella
- 27. **Jonathan Tremblay,**Montmorency--Charlevoix-Haute-Côte-Nord
- 28. Françoise Boivin, Gatineau
- 29. Jamie Nicholls, Vaudreuil Soulanges
- 30.**Jonathan Genest** –Jourdain, Manicouagan
- 31. **Alain Giguere**, Marc-Aurèle-Fortin
- 32. Manon Perreault, Montcalm

- 33.**Lysane Blanchette**, Lamothe, Pierrefonds--Dollard
- 34.**Pierre Dionne Labelle**, Riviere du Nord
- 35.**Marie-Claude Morin**, Saint Hyacinthe-Bagot
- 36. Tarik Brahmi, Saint-Jean
- 37.**Sadia Groguhe**, Saint Lambert
- 38.**Rejean Genest**, Shefford
- 39. **Charmaine Borg**, Terrebonne-Blainville
- 40. Mathieu Ravignat, Pontiac
- 41. <u>Sylvain Chicoine</u>, Châteauguay-Saint-Constant

TOTALS

ONT – signed 14, not 6 total 20 East Coast – signed 4, not 2, total 6 PRAIRIES/ARCTIC – signed 3, not 1, total 4

BC – signed 5, not 6, total 11 **QUE** – signed 33, not 26, total 59

TOTAL SEATS – 100, signed 60 - 60%

Sample email

Hi <name of aide you spoke with>

It is <your name> in <your city>.
I just called regarding the Climate Fasters' three simple asks of politicians:

- 1) End subsidies fossil fuel subsidies
- 2) Put a price on carbon
- 3) Support the development of a renewable energy plan for Canada

Almost 90 MP's have signed the pledge. The list can be seen on the scroll on the bottom right hand corner of the home page of the Climate Fast website here: http://www.climatefast.ca/ . If MP <your MP's name> decides to sign the pledge <he/she> can go online here: http://www.climatefast.ca/pledge-list?page=28 and do so.

Please inform me if MP < name of MP > signs the pledge so we can keep track of who has signed.

Thanks for your time and concern for the climate.

Truly,

Parliament must enact a consumer-friendly carbon fee

During the fall Parliament session, there was little talk about climate change and what our country can do to limit future catastrophes related to global warming. However there was plenty of heated discussion on carbon taxes in parliament that seemed to go nowhere.

The "Frankenstorm" that slammed the East Coast at Halloween-time inflicted billions of dollars in damage, and is just the latest in a series of weather-related disasters our continent has suffered this year. From crop-killing drought to wildfires to floods, the effects of climate change are already being felt.

Nature has sent us a clear message: If we don't cut back on burning things that heat up our atmosphere, our future is bleak.

We believe it is possible to wean our nation off the coal, oil and gas that is warming our world without inflicting economic hardship on Canadians..

We can do this by placing a steadily-rising fee on carbon-based fuels and return the revenue from that fee to the public, either as direct payment or cuts in other taxes. Such a fee will send a signal to the marketplace that motivates the private sector, rather than the government, to be the primary investor in clean energy.

We can protect Canadian businesses from unfair competition with a border tax on imports from nations that do not place a similar price on carbon. This will provide the incentive for other nations, like China and India, to adopt similar carbon fees.

We look to all Parliamentarians to come together to enact a policy that speeds the transition to clean energy. Will you support a consumer-friendly carbon fee that gives revenue back to households?

Upcoming Action in December

Contact friends and ask if they'll support Citizens Climate Lobby with a financial contribution

Margaret Mead said to her friend Jean Houston:

"Forget everything I have been teaching you about governments and bureaucracies." If we are to survive and create the world we could have—it's a question of citizens' volunteer groups; citizens getting together, deepening, growing, expanding their capacities, and then going out and making a difference."

This month, CCL launches our fall fund-raising drive with a grassroots campaign to attract sponsors and donations that will help us continue the amazing growth we've experienced in our first five years. We approach this campaign, not from a position of need – we're in good shape financially – but from the vision of building a movement equal to the task of overcoming the special interests that stand in our way.

Here's what you can do:

Think about people you can contact people, who might share your concern about leaving a livable world for future generations. You can send email or hand-written letters. Share your experience with CCL and why this work is so important to you. Ask If you want, you can call first and follow up with a letter. Whichever way works for you. More resources such as a laser talk will follow in November. Note that this was the USA action and laser talk in October 2012.

Note that Citizens Climate Lobby in Canada does not have charitable status and we are currently using the CCL machine in the USA to keep track of our donations. Please also note that money donated online from Canada will go to CCL in Canada.

On Canada's national CCL call, Cathy will briefly outline our finances and upcoming expenses. This call will take place on Wednesday November 23, 2012 at 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET. It will last 45 minutes.