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The Honourable Johnathan Wilkinson
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We are the Sackville Youth Climate Change Coalition, based in Sackville, NB, and we have been organizing climate strikes since March 2019.

The IPCC report has given us a narrow window of opportunity to act on climate change before it becomes unstoppable; severe weather events, droughts, floods, ecological breakdown – it will affect everyone. The youth of the world are school striking for the climate to wake people up to the urgency of the situation seeing as it is our futures that are at risk. But we are completely aware that we will need *everyone* on board, taking action together, so we have several things we are asking from you.

Congratulations on being appointed as Canada's Minister of Environment! We are sure that you are aware of the severity of the climate crisis and you know the urgency for bold, drastic, global action. Therefore, we believe it is your duty to insist that Canada become a global leader for climate action.

We call upon the Federal Government of Canada to:

- 1) Follow through on their pledge (in the speech from the throne) to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, and attempt to get to net-zero sooner than 2050 if possible,
- 2) Reject all new fossil fuel projects,
- 3) Transition to a 100% renewable energy economy, ensuring they follow through with the Just Transition Act promised during the election campaign,
- 4) Uphold and advocate the rights of environmental migrants, and
- 5) Hold large corporations to the same greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets that Canada targets.

The implementation of these policies will be challenging for this country and government, but it is entirely within our capabilities, and is essential to ensuring a just and livable future for all. It is so important that we are coordinated and connected when dealing with climate change, so we ask that you reply to this letter, or contact us using the information below, by February 1st, 2020. We want to know you're listening.

Sincerely,

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