

# Climate Leadership Ensures A Better Future

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of British Columbia:

Recently, the International Energy Agency warned that we have fewer than five years left to act if we are to avoid irreversible climate change. We, the undersigned, believe our government has both an obligation and an opportunity to reduce our carbon emissions.

According to a recent report by the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, by the middle of this century, human-caused warming could cost our nation up to 25 percent of its wealth. That would spell lost jobs and missed opportunities for hundreds of thousands of British Columbians.

Thankfully, there are proven solutions. The best way to fight carbon pollution is to do what Australia and California have recently done, and put a price on it. Our province already boasts one of the best examples of this policy in the world.

British Columbia's carbon tax is one of the best tools we have at our disposal to fight climate change. We call on government to commit to a schedule of continuing increases after July 2012, in a way that is fair and enables all B.C. businesses and communities to be part of the solution.

Doing so will help us secure a better future, while creating new, high-paying jobs today, in non-polluting industries. Let's show the world how it's done. Stay the course on climate leadership, British Columbia.

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