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**Written Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultation in Advance of the Upcoming Federal Budget**

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Firstly, thank you for all the hard work you do. Thank you for reading this submission.

A primary focus of the Federal Budget of 2021 that I am advocating for is to **make real and impactful GHG reductions**. It needs to be dramatic as was the building of the railway system across Canada and as was the introduction of universal healthcare. If you can bring this to fruition you will be remembered as the government that made it happen for future generations...you will be in the history books as doing the next right thing.

From my reading of the Globe and Mail, and of proposals by various climate interest groups the following are actions that could be taken in the next budget that would result in additional jobs and lower health care costs in the future:

1. Continue carbon pricing but also legislate emission limits with enforcement and significant penalties for those exceeding these emission limits.
2. Place a moratorium on all fossil fuel exploration, development and expansion.
3. Decarbonize cement and steel. In public procurements, offer a premium for low- carbon cement and steel. Provide incentives for private businesses to use decarbonized cement and steel.
4. Support Canada's production and adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and e- mobility components. Provide funding to expand the EV charging infrastructure. Provide incentives for purchasing and leasing ZEVs by low income individuals/ businesses/local governments. Establish deadlines for manufacturers to produce only ZEV in the different classes of vehicles e.g. light duty by 2030. Aim for net zero public transit by 2050.
5. Aim for net zero electricity generation. Provide funding for inter-provincial solutions in investing in increased capacity in clean energy production, storage, transmission, and grid upgrades. Support the development of next generation clean energy options.
6. Support the retrofit of residential and commercial buildings including energy efficient windows, insulation and replacement of gas heat and water heaters. Advance zero carbon heating systems. Provide funding to train a green workforce. Establish large scale demonstration projects to encourage the private sector that this can be done at lower cost, and in a more reasonable time than they may realize.
7. Invest in the restoration and conservation of natural infrastructure such as wetlands, and coastal marshes to increase climate resiliency.

8. Expand infrastructure in more populated areas to have more green spaces, to make towns more walkable and bikeable.

9. Provide additional resources for the management of fires, including underground fires, in the Canadian Arctic. There is significant storage of carbon underground in the Arctic that we do not want released.

We can't change the past but you can do the next right thing in the 2021 budget.

Regards,  
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