

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



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**COMITÉ PERMANENT DE
L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DU
DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE**

Thursday, November 28, 2024

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development held ten meetings between Thursday, May 9, 2024, and Monday, November 25, 2024, to study environment and climate impacts related to the Canadian financial system. The committee intends to table a comprehensive report to the House of Commons in early 2025. However, the committee felt it important to provide its priority recommendations in advance. These recommendations are as follows:

1. Reforming Canada's financial system to align with climate commitments, as set out in Bill S-243, the Climate-Aligned Finance Act, which would itself provide a robust, science-based regulatory framework for conducting transition plans and annual progress reports and address greenwashing concerns around climate action;
2. The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions is reconsidering the interpretation of its mandate, as suggested by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and is issuing detailed guidance on transition plans;
3. Managers of federally regulated public pension funds, in particular the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and the Public Sector Pension Investment Board, be required to fully disclose their investments in private equity funds; and
4. That a Sustainable Development Working Group be established within the Competition Bureau and that the rules be strengthened to combat greenwashing in the financial sector and to crack down on greenwashing.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you for considering these recommendations. The committee looks forward to your detailed response within 30 days of receipt, outlining what your ministry has already undertaken and what it intends to implement regarding each of the above recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francis Scarpaleggia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Francis Scarpaleggia, Member of Parliament
Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable
Development

CC:

– The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of
Finance