

## **PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

We, the undersigned electors of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

**THAT** there is now an overwhelming scientific consensus that the Earth's climate system is unequivocally warming and that human activities which increase atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases are the primary cause of that warming;

**THAT** past predictions of rising sea levels, loss of Arctic sea ice and increasingly extreme weather events have consistently underestimated the actual impacts of global warming on humans and natural systems;

**THAT** those impacts already cost an estimated \$1.2 trillion US annually, reduce global GDP by 1.6%, contribute to the deaths of 400,000 people a year, and are projected to rapidly increase in severity;

**THAT** Canada has consistently sought to block binding international agreements on climate change despite being one of the world's highest per capita greenhouse gas emitters, and has taken no responsibility for the consequences of its emissions, which are disproportionately borne by the world's poorest and most vulnerable people;

**THAT** abdicating responsibility for the consequences of our actions violates core Canadian values and has contributed to a rapid erosion of the previously enviable international respect and goodwill which Canada and individual Canadians travelling abroad have long enjoyed;

