

December 16, 2009

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

We understand that you have declined to commit Canada to

1. Reducing Canada's greenhouse gas emissions by a minimum of 40% below 1990 levels by 2020,
2. Committing 1% of Canada's GDP to resilience-building projects in vulnerable communities already facing the results of climate change, and
3. Committing to greening Canada's economy by supporting green energy, sustainable transportation and maximizing the efficiency of our built environment.

In light of our previous request, we see no other option than to demand your resignation. A Prime Minister that refuses to recognize the will of his citizens and continually causes embarrassment to three-quarters of his country's population is no longer fit to fill the role of Prime Minister.

People around the world are already dying and losing their homes due to the impacts of climate change. In our own backyard, Canada's northern communities are already under siege by climate change, and many communities are at risk of losing their traditional way of life. Small island states are already succumbing to sea-level rise and their peoples face an uncertain future of displacement. The United Nations estimates that there will be 150 million climate refugees by 2050. Your refusal to address the injustices of climate change is completely out of step with the values and desires of Canadians.

With regret,

Your constituents and a multitude of concerned Canadians

(We left a hand-written, signed copy of this letter under the door of your constituency office because your staff have refused to allow us entry.)