

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada

wish to bring to the attention of the Government of Canada that

Climate change is expensive. By 2050, the economic costs could be \$21-43 billion annually in Canada. Flooding damages to coastal dwellings, resulting from climate change-induced sea-level rise and storm surges, could cost between \$1 billion to \$8 billion per year with higher than average costs in Atlantic Canada. Poorer air quality resulting from higher temperatures will lead to more hospital visits, resulting in millions of dollars in costs to local health care systems for Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver.

There is a risk that the costs could in fact be far higher than we expect. Ignoring climate change costs now will cost us more later. Adaptation is not cost-free but often yields benefits.

THEREFORE, we request the Government of Canada

TO

invest in growing our country’s expertise in the economics of climate change impacts and adaptation;

cost-out and model climate impacts to inform decisions about adaptation policies;

allocate scarce resources to programs that help Canadians adapt; and

invest in generating and disseminating research to inform adaptation decision-making at the community, regional, and sectoral level.

Signatures

(Sign your name. Do not print.)

Addresses

(Give your full home address.)
