



Canadians for a Responsible Recovery

Canadians are now months into the most radical social experiment any of us have experienced.

Intended to address the serious health risks of COVID-19, this experiment has created profound economic hardship, the scope and scale of which we are only beginning to comprehend.

The health concern remains serious. All of us need to be vigilant and responsible. But responsibility demands that we reflect carefully on all the impacts of a shutdown – and there are many: other health issues, social issues, and a raft of economic issues. Doing so brings us to one conclusion: we need to put a recovery plan in place immediately.

Here are 6 actions that must be part of that plan:

1. **Canada must ensure that the critical supply chain items are manufactured in Canada.** We need to acknowledge that manufacturing is critical to the safety and security of our Nation. Government can no longer add costs and taxes that pushed manufacturing offshore. Canadians require affordable energy for production. We need to become a benchmark for a competitive landscape globally
2. **Canadians should acknowledge the contribution of our resource sector to our Canadian economy and celebrate it.** We must educate Canadians and the rest of the world how our resource sector adheres to the most stringent environmental standards and how the export of our natural resources can help lead to a cleaner world.
3. **We have to move away from arbitrary emission reduction targets. For too many years, we have been told an environmental collapse is imminent, but the predictions time and time again have been proven false.** Virtually every leading indicator for environmental quality and quality of life shows improvement, and Canada has some of the highest environmental standards in the world. And yet now we are being told we have to be at “zero emissions” by 2050. As many leading commentators have noted, this is a recipe for economic collapse. Responsible efforts to reduce harmful environmental impacts need to be in place, but radical ones should be dismissed.

4. **We have to get back to work. We cannot continue to live with an economic lock down. It is psychologically and socially damaging and starts to call into question the right to some very basic freedoms.** We need to study the places that have opened up successfully and adapt from their practices. Canadian ingenuity and determination have led us through many crises in our history. Canadians can do it again.
5. **We have to reduce the regulatory burden on work. Layer after layer of regulation has been imposed on business, particularly in the resource sector, with the result that projects are delayed, cancelled, or moved elsewhere.** This is always bad, but today, as we try and contemplate recovery, it is completely unacceptable. **The Government of Canada's growing list of carbon taxes and the proposed Clean Energy Fuel Standards (hurting our competitiveness and raising costs for consumers) and proposed ban on plastics (which are essential for health care workers) are just the latest examples of needless burden** There needs to be a dramatic suspension of regulatory burdens to free business and industry to invest and rebuild the Canadian economy.
6. **We have to curtail public spending, not expand it.** People in need should get help, but uncontrolled public spending is desperately irresponsible. All indications are that Canada will be \$1 Trillion in debt by the end of this year. This burden is massive and will harm generations to come. We need a clear plan to reduce expenditures and shrink the debt.

If you agree, please sign the petition by Canadians for a Responsible Recovery. We are business owners and individual Canadians deeply worried about the future of our country.

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