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“MD Moms 4 Healthy Recovery Celebrate Canadian Climate and Health Milestone”

MD Moms 4 Healthy Recovery, a national group of Canadian Physician Mothers advocating for a health-focused and clean-energy based recovery from COVID-19, are celebrating a climate and health milestone with the passing of Bill C-12 in the Canadian Senate yesterday. This Bill provides the framework to hold the Canadian government accountable to legislated climate targets in 5 year increments towards the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050. The passage of Bill C-12 cannot come soon enough. Canada needs to be accountable and contribute to the global efforts required to address the Climate Emergency which is recognized by the World Health Organization as [“the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century”](#). This week alone [dozens of Canadians have already died](#) from the deadly heat dome gripping much of western Canada, and the wildfire season has not yet begun.

Canada is presently the only G7 country whose [greenhouse gas emissions have not decreased](#). Canada has also [never met a climate target](#). The passing of Bill C-12 thus represents a milestone step in the direction of non-partisan climate accountability to reduce GHG emissions in keeping with the declared Climate Emergency. The United Kingdom implemented similar legislation in 2008 (The Climate Change Act) and has reduced their emissions to [51% less than 1990 levels](#) despite a growing economy. MD Moms 4 Healthy Recovery are hopeful that legislated efforts can achieve similarly significant GHG reductions in Canada.

MD Moms 4 Healthy Recovery have worked closely with the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and For Our Kids (FOK) towards this significant milestone in climate accountability through the creation of an [Earth Day video](#) advocating for stronger climate action, public speaking engagements, writing opinion pieces, meeting with their [Members of Parliament](#), and [writing to their Senators](#) to communicate the health risks associated with unchecked climate change and the need for urgent action to decarbonize the Canadian economy.

MD Moms 4 Healthy Recovery are grateful to the elected officials and Senators who championed the passing of this Bill to establish a framework for Canada’s reduction in GHGs. Today’s milestone must be followed by bold action and decisive leadership if we are to realize the healthy and sustainable future that this Bill promises.

