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RE: Your role in the Teck tarsands decision

Dear Member of Parliament,

I am writing you about a decision that the Federal Cabinet will be making in the coming weeks. Your government is being asked to approve a massive new project in the tar sands in northern Alberta, a project that would seriously undermine Canada's commitment to climate justice.

This mine would produce 260,000 barrels of oil per day. It would cover 290 square kilometres, almost half the area of the City of Toronto, and have a lifespan of 41 years.

During those years, this mega-mine would add 4 million tonnes of CO2 per year to Canada's emissions, singlehandedly guaranteeing we will not meet our Paris Accord targets. As a labour delegate to the COP 21 in Paris, I was proud of the stance the Trudeau government took in supporting a comprehensive approach to the climate crisis. But if Teck is approved, you risk losing the moral compass that is needed to guide our country to a sustainable future.

No matter what Jason Kenney says, Canada should not be doubling down on fossil fuel extraction. We can build a 100% renewable energy economy that is fairer for workers and provides a job-rich transition to full sustainability.

Please speak out in your caucus – and urge Cabinet to reject Teck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cartwright".

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