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The Hon. J. Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Via email

Minister Wilkinson,

I want to thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times and for joining the Davenport community last December on our Environment Townhall. Over the course of this and last week, I have been meeting with engaged, informed and organized parents, grandparents and community members of Davenport. They shared their feedback on Bill C-12 and what they would like to see from our government to strengthen it and ensure accountability in Canada's efforts to meet its climate goals.

Davenport residents have suggested the following improvements to Bill C-12:

- Stronger emissions target of over 45% by 2030;
- Many would prefer 2025 targets but if that is not possible, frequent reporting on progress made on emissions reductions;
- Ensure that emissions reductions are legally binding at the federal level with incentives for provinces to meet targets as well;
- Provide proper funding for the Environment Commissioner and the Office of the Auditor General to safeguard strong oversight and accountability;
- The Independent Advisory Body should be independently (vs politically) appointed, contain many of Canada's top scientists, report annually on progress and make their recommendations public for transparency purposes;
- Accountability for strategic transportation development that would intensify rail investment as a way to scale back the dependence on airlines still powered by fossil fuel. Areas between key urban centres make high performance rail the choice for efficiency and low carbon emissions.

In addition, Davenport residents have asked for our federal government to look into the UK model of a carbon budget vs emissions reductions; it has been a very successful tactic in reducing emissions in the United Kingdom.



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It is a privilege as the member for Davenport to share this feedback and to work with you in improving C-12 to the benefit of all Canadians. I look forward to hearing from you and welcome any questions you may have.

My very best regards,



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