

Letter 1 – An outline for your own letter – can be addressed to a federal or provincial representative

Your address
Postcode

Date

To _____
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A6

(No postage required!)

Re: Getting to Net Zero 2050

Dear Minister/Candidate

1. Begin your letter by introducing yourself.
2. Introduce the topic of climate change and explain what interests and concerns you about it. You may wish to add some personal details into your letter such as:
 - a) A personal experience you have had regarding climate change, e.g., the impact in an area you have visited (the terrible wildfires in British Columbia, or the thinning of sea ice in our north)
 - b) Or ways in which you feel climate change affects you directly, e.g., air pollution which makes it difficult to go out.

Example: I am writing to you as a citizen/constituent concerned about the impact of climate change in Canada. I believe this issue requires serious long-term thinking and planning by government. A close relative of mine is a farmer and has been experiencing chronic drought conditions for the last few years which has contributed to my concern.

(Or) The smoke over Ottawa from the wildfires in northern Ontario has been of concern because....

3. Ask your representative or candidate to take action. This could be on a local or national level. Try to make your ask personal. Some examples of what you might ask your MP to do are:
 - a) Campaign on a local issue that is important to you
 - b) Have a look at a climate change issue that you think is not being addressed in parliament.

***Example:** The targets set by Canada's 2020 strengthened Climate Change Plan were a welcome step towards mitigating the effects of climate change. However, Canada is warming on average at a rate twice as fast as the rest of the world, a new federal scientific report indicates. The report suggests that many of the effects already seen are probably irreversible. What are the plans to accelerate efforts and halt this process quicker?*

4. Perhaps you would like to meet with your MP to discuss this further or they could tell you of a public meeting you could attend. Don't be afraid to ask!

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Your name.