



### Live in a rural community?

Rural Canadians get an additional 20% top-up to their rebate amount.

## **CARBON PRICING WORKS!**

Since federal carbon pricing took effect in 2019, Canada's greenhouse gas emissions have fallen by almost 8 percent

According to the Bank of Canada, carbon pricing has contributed to just 0.15% of Canada's inflation in the past two years

Most families receive more money in rebates than they pay in carbon pricing, particularly those with low or medium incomes

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# PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR FUTURE

When I knocked on doors this past summer, there were many days that saw smoke filled air that prevented your kids from going outside, far above normal temperatures that posed lifethreatening conditions for vulnerable seniors, and droughts that caused cracks in your home's foundations. Increasingly, Canadians are anxious about the future, as the realities of climate change confront us in new and undeniable ways.

At the same time that we face a climate crisis, we are facing a cost -of-living crisis that has deeply impacted many of you. We cannot ignore this reality. How do we reconcile the two? You want to do your part to fight climate change, but you also need to take care of your family's needs. That's the advantage of our climate plan, it lets you do both. It provides rebates that offset the added costs for 8 out of 10 Canadians, while at the same time being proven to effectively reduce pollution.

I understand that it seems reasonable to draw a correlation between the price on pollution and the cost of living, but the truth is, every country around the world is facing inflation, caused by the pandemic, supply-chain challenges, and global conflicts like Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine.



Manitoba Forest Fire Summer 2021

It is important to not lose sight of the fact that people around the world are also confronted by the challenges and pain caused by global inflationary pressures.

300 economists in Canada recently wrote to the Federal Government urging us to keep our environmental policies, including carbon pricing, noting that they are the most cost-effective way of dealing with emissions reductions, and acknowledging that 8 out of 10 Canadians get more money back than it costs them due to the rebate. Las Inst void a d of t pol ton by 2 cur On The hea doe the allid and The not loo rec anc are

Last month, the Canadian Climate Institute, a nationally respected voice on climate change, released a detailed report showing that all of the government's current policies will prevent 226 million tonnes (Mt) of carbon emissions by 2030. That's equivalent to the current emissions of Quebec and Ontario combined.

The world is moving away from heavily polluting fuels. If Canada does not do its part, we will be on the outside looking in with international trading partners and allies who will shut us out of deals and tax our imports.

The Canadian Climate Institute notes that Canada is already looking at annual disaster recovery bills of \$5 billion by 2025 and \$17 billion by 2050. There is a huge cost to doing nothing. We are already paying the price. In 2021 for example, severe weather caused \$2.1 billion in insured damages, which does not include costs related to public infrastructure or uninsured private losses. During my time listening to farmers and scientists on the Agriculture Committee, I have heard repeatedly that climate change is the single biggest threat to our food production.

I will continue to advocate for environmental policies that protect our future, whether it be ensuring that pollution is not free, investing in Lake Winnipeg and Lake of the Woods, protecting our province's watersheds, and investing in scientific research.