

November 23, 2015

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

In advance of the upcoming 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, I would like to encourage you, on behalf of the Burnaby Board of Trade, to join with other international leaders in seeking a meaningful global agreement to address climate change with new greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, and to then work with organizations like ours to engage the business community in the creation of a market-based strategy to help Canada achieve those reductions.

The Burnaby Board of Trade believes in the development of a made-in-Canada plan for a long-term transition to a low-carbon economy that ensures Canada meets its international obligations while protecting and enhancing the dynamic, innovative economy we currently enjoy. As it will be necessary for businesses to play a considerable role in achieving any emissions reduction targets, it is imperative that your government consult with business groups like ours in the creation of this plan.

Through our experience with our own globally-recognized environmental initiative, *The Pledge for a Sustainable Community*, we've seen that many businesses are eager to be engaged as part of the solution and play their part in reducing emissions. By consulting with business organizations like the Burnaby Board of Trade and other Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade when crafting Canada's GHG reduction strategy, you and your government will be able to genuinely engage with the business community on this issue, encourage them to act, and leverage our existing networks to provide the tools, education and information necessary for businesses to be successful partners in this effort.

As an organization that believes in the triple bottom line of economic, social and environmental results, the Burnaby Board of Trade is supportive of efforts to address climate change and increase sustainability throughout our economy, and we look forward to working with your government to help engage the business community to be active partners in achieving Canada's GHG reduction goals.

Sincerely,



Paul Holden
President & CEO
Burnaby Board of Trade

cc: Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
cc: Hon. Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
cc: Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of Environment (BC)