



**Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and  
Natural Resources**

**Comité sénatorial permanent de l'énergie, de l'environnement et des  
ressources naturelles**

The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, P.C., M.P.  
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Dear Minister:

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (the Committee) writes to share observations arising from its meetings of 12 March 2026 and 26 March 2026, during which it studied the *2025 Progress Report on the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan*, published under the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*. A total of 10 witnesses appeared as part of the study, including officials from Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, as well as representatives from the Canadian Climate Institute and the Net-Zero Advisory Body. The Committee heard that, although Canada has made progress in reducing emissions and improving carbon intensity, current projections show that Canada is not on track to meet its legislated 2030 target.

Discussions before the Committee highlighted the role of key federal measures such as industrial carbon pricing, methane regulations and clean fuel measures in supporting emissions reductions. At the same time, significant challenges remain in sectors including buildings, oil and gas and heavy industry, where the scale of transformation required is substantial and will take time to achieve. The Committee heard that falling behind near-term milestones can make achieving deeper emissions reductions more difficult over time, underscoring the importance of sustained, long-term policy direction as Canada works toward its net-zero objective for 2050. The Committee also heard that achieving emissions reductions can support economic competitiveness and investment, particularly where clear and predictable policy direction enables businesses to plan for the transition to a low-carbon economy.

In light of these considerations, the Committee urges the Government of Canada to continue strengthening current and planned measures so that they are sufficient to close the gap between projected emissions reductions and Canada's legislated targets, and to clearly communicate progress toward that objective in coordination with provinces, territories and other partners. Doing so will be essential to maintaining confidence in Canada's long-term

emissions reduction trajectory and to ensuring that the country remains on a credible path toward achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Kingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joan" being more prominent than the last name "Kingston".

The Honourable Joan Kingston, Senator  
Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Energy,  
the Environment and Natural Resources

cc: Catherine Cuerrier, Committee Clerk, Standing Senate Committee on Energy,  
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