



ALBERTA

ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

Dear Minister Guilbeault:

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I am joining the Government of Saskatchewan and the Atlantic provinces in calling on the federal government to immediately halt the implementation of the upcoming Federal Clean Fuel Regulations.

Alberta is committed to reducing emissions while keeping energy reliable, secure, and affordable. Our Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan works towards a carbon neutral economy; commits to reviewing renewable fuel standards; increases minimum requirements for blending for ethanol and bio based diesel; includes fuel emission intensity reductions; and other major steps forward. We believe this is a path forward that will work for our unique circumstances.

The Federal Clean Fuel Regulations, however, will harm provincial economies in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Atlantic Canada. A plan that unfairly increases costs on families and does not account for regional differences is no plan at all.

The Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) confirmed this in a May 2023 report that found that the Clean Fuel Regulations would hit Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Atlantic provinces the hardest. The PBO's report estimated that the cost increase to the average Alberta households in 2030 would be \$1,117.

Canadians are already struggling with high inflation. Adding fuel to the fire by hiking the cost of gasoline and diesel will be devastating.

This issue requires immediate attention. Given the pending implementation date of July 1, 2023, Alberta is requesting that the regulations be halted until a path forward can be found that supports all Canadians and addresses the concerns of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Atlantic provinces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Schulz".

Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

cc: Honourable Gary Crossman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of New Brunswick

Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Honourable Tim Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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Honourable Dana Skoropad, Minister of Environment
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