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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I know many of us are welcoming 2021 with hope for the future. As vaccines are delivered in our province and across the country, we are starting to finally see light at the end of the tunnel.

It has been a busy January as we settle into the new year. On January 13, 2021, I hosted our second annual Constituency Office Open House, virtually welcoming residents from across our riding to meet me and my team, and to hear from constituents on how our Government will move forward in the year ahead.

I also had the opportunity to present our inaugural Unsung Champion Awards to celebrate and recognize volunteers in our community that have stepped up in the past year in service to their communities. Recipients are nominated by fellow community members to highlight volunteers who make our communities kinder, stronger and a better place. Visit our website – [Patrickweiler.ca](http://Patrickweiler.ca) – for more information on this year's Unsung Champions.

Parliament resumed sitting on January 25th and we have a busy schedule of work before us, highlighted by ongoing work related to the COVID-19 pandemic, charting the path of economic recovery while passing our strengthened climate action legislation and implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into federal law, among many other important initiatives.

Of course, our Government is focused not only on how we can recover from the pandemic but 'Build Back Better' to a country that is more sustainable, inclusive and equitable. There are many priorities that we will focus on in

2021 – here are my top three items I hope to reflect on having accomplished by the year's end:

- Eliminating the COVID-19 virus in Canada, and setting our country on a road to "Build Back Better", through the 2021 Budget and creating and utilizing a new Regional Development Agency for British Columbia to support local enterprises and to help them seize the unique economic opportunities available to them.
- Reforming the Temporary Foreign Workers Program, creating other new immigration programs, and leveraging existing immigration streams to ensure that more new Canadians settle on our shores in 2021 than any other year to date.
- Creating the framework for a Canada-wide Childcare System so that we are on a path to having universal accessible and affordable childcare in West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast - Sea to Sky Country and right across Canada.

Together, I am confident that we can accomplish these priorities and much more. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make this happen as we hopefully look to better times ahead.

Sincerely,

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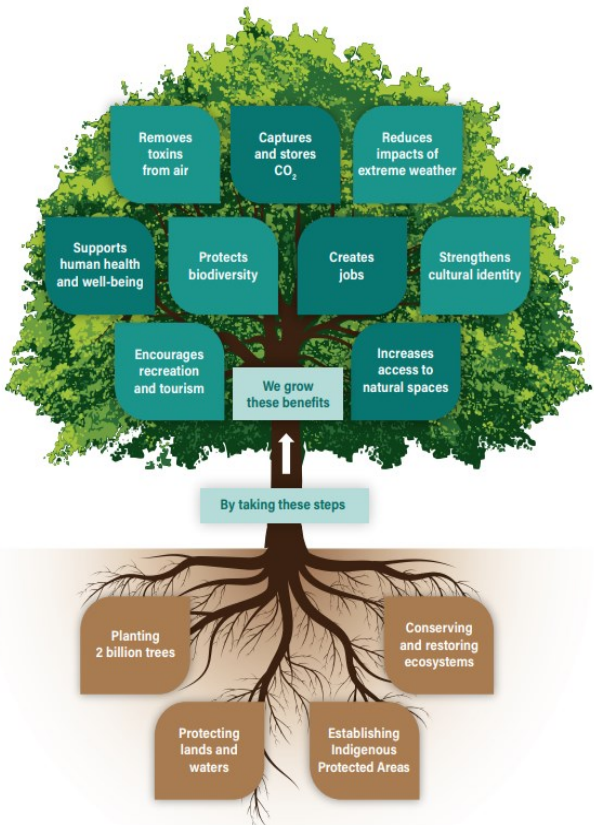
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# CANADA'S STRENGTHENED CLIMATE PLAN

In December 2020, our Government was proud to announce Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan, *A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy*. This plan will make our environment and our economy healthier and more resilient over the immediate and long term. This plan takes the same urgency, focus, and science-based decisions to the climate crisis as we have applied to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as we work to create a healthy and habitable planet. It introduces 64 new measures and \$15 billion in investments to ensure Canada exceeds its 2030 GHG reduction targets, putting us in the range of 32% to 40% below 2005 levels in 2030. This plan builds upon the 50 measures, \$60 billion in investments in the 2016 Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change that will be responsible for cutting 227 million tonnes of pollution.

The *Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy* plan includes investments in more sustainable building and retrofits, supports adoption of zero emissions vehicles, advances nature-based solutions, and helps support the transition of key industries. Importantly, it also continues the increase of Canada's price on pollution through to 2030, rising at \$15 per tonne after 2022, while rebating more money back to households for the vast majority of Canadians than they pay in provinces where the federal system applies. Overall, this plan provides price signals to individuals and businesses to make more sustainable decisions while supporting them in the process as the initial cost differential narrows.

To ensure that this government and future governments set emissions reduction targets that are informed by science, develop plans to meet them, and are held accountable for doing so, we introduced Bill C-12, Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act. This Act will require that legally binding national targets and plans for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada be put in place for successive five-year increments. These targets and emissions reduction plans must both be tabled in Parliament. This legislation includes various reporting mechanisms and creates an advisory body to allow for our evidence-based climate plans to be informed by the foremost experts in various fields in our country.



Countries around the world are accelerating their transition to a net-zero economy, and Canada cannot fall behind. Net-zero is not just a plan for a healthier environment; it is a plan to build a cleaner, more competitive economy, representing the greatest economic opportunity of our generation. We will be there to support Canadians, entrepreneurs, and businesses seize these economic opportunities so that we provide the world with the cleanest, most cutting-edge innovations that are in increasingly high demand.

## GREEN INVESTMENTS IN SEA TO SKY COUNTRY

The Sea to Sky Corridor has seen significant levels of investment from the federal government in a range of green infrastructure initiatives. Through our Government's Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative, I was proud to announce in September 2020 a \$100,000 investment to build two new electric vehicle (EV) fast charging stations at the Squamish Liquor Store. I was also proud to announce a \$117,755 investment in Whistler to reduce emissions by making electric vehicles more accessible with new EV chargers in highly desirable locations. Twenty-five new EV chargers have been installed in public parking locations across Whistler, including in the main parking access to Whistler Village, Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, Whistler Conference Centre, the municipal works yard, the Whistler Library and health centre, and popular parks and nearby museums. Federal funding was provided through our Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program which is a key component of our Strengthened Climate Plan to mitigate our second biggest source of emissions by ensuring that new passenger vehicles sold in Canada be zero-emission vehicles by 2040.

We have also seen incredible innovation from clean tech companies in the Corridor over the past decade. The federal government has been there to support these companies as they scale up. For example, in 2019 we announced a \$25 million investment in Carbon Engineering, a Squamish-based company developing technologies to extract carbon dioxide directly from the atmosphere and use it to produce clean synthetic fuels, creating 450 jobs and learning opportunities for post-secondary students. Companies like Carbon Engineering will pave the way for Canada to become a global leader in the area of clean technology, both growing the economy and contributing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions around the world. Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan will continue to support companies in the clean tech sector through an investment of \$3 billion over five years to the Strategic Innovation Fund's Net-Zero Accelerator Fund. The fund will rapidly expedite decarbonization projects with large emitters, scale-up clean technology and accelerate Canada's industrial transformation across all sectors.