

FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES SAMPLE LETTER¹

Here is a sample to help you frame your letter regarding fossil fuel subsidies.

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance

Dear Minister Morneau,

Sentence # 1 – describe yourself and where you are writing from:

I am _____ (a teacher/a student/a mother/an engineer etc.) writing to you from LOCATION.

Sentence #2 – describe the issue you are writing about and why this issue is important to you:

I am very concerned (upset/worried/deeply troubled) about the continued subsidies to the fossil fuel sector because _____.

Sentence #3 - The specific call for action

- Canada must demonstrate climate leadership and announce at the June 2018 G7 meeting its plans for fully phasing out fossil fuel subsidies by 2025, while encouraging other G7 countries to do the same.

Sentence #4 - add in one or two of the talking points

You can make several points drawn from the Background. Examples include:

- Fossil fuel subsidies are at odds with Canada's efforts to implement carbon pricing and other measures under the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change
- The Liberal government made a promise to end fossil fuel subsidies as part of their 2015 election platform.

Sentence #5 – conclude by reminding the Minister of your request and ask for a report on Canada's progress in fulfilling its international commitment to phase out fossil fuel subsidies.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

cc

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
- The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
- The Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources
- The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Conservative Critic for Finance
- Mr. Peter Julian, NDP Critic for Finance
- Your MP

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