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From:

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:43 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX

Subject: Fw: Finkel Blueprint Crisis.

15 June 2017

Dear Ms Clark

Allow me once again to write about the present climate change debate and provide a link to a well-written article ( OPed) in the Australian ( a well-read paper Down Under). The OPed has appeared on June 12th

The Oped is written by William Kininmonth , a respected meteorologist s.22  
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Mr Kininmonth, provided the real state of the climate today! No major news papers in Canada have done that so far.

The real state is: Since the satellite monitoring began some 35 years ago, the earth's temperature has WARMED barely by 0.3C!

Is this warming catastrophic? NO!

Future warming? No one knows for sure! If solar scientists are right, there could be significant cooling of the climate as the Sun enters a solar grand minimum in next decade!

Should Canadians be worrying about 'climate becoming unlivable if NOTHING Is done by way of reducing CO2? NO!

I strongly feel we Canadians have been scare-mongered for nothing! Among the culprits are Environmentalists' lobby , sadly!

The earth's climate is a robust entity and is NOT impacted by few tens of billions of human-CO2 emissions.

Finally, I hope you remain as a BC Premier for next few years and help push major energy plans for BC Alberta and elsewhere.

Canada heavily depends on huge oil and fossil fuel revenue ( possibly up to Can\$300bn per year).

This revenue can help provide affordable housing for everyone and the excellent health benefits we all

enjoy.

These are important issues of the day! NOT climate change! Canadians should NOT spend any money on climate change now!

Climate Change is such a benign issue! It is a non-issue , in my opinion.

Sincerely

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Blueprint's author didn't ask about the weather

William Kininmonth, The Australian,12:00AM June 12, 2017

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Malcolm Turnbull, I will bet you power bills don't fall \$90

Judith Sloan, The Australian, 12:00AM June 13, 2017

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Finkel's energy blueprint fails the sceptics' test

The Australian, 12:00AM June 13, 2017

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Malcolm Turnbull with Chief Scientist Dr Alan Finkel.  
Terry McCrann

Cheaper power or more pollie preening?  
Terry McCrann, Herald Sun, June 13, 2017 12:00am  
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Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has told MPs there is nothing in the clean energy proposal to punish power generators using fossil fuels.

David Crowe, The Australian, 12:00AM June 13, 2017

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Former PM Tony Abbott has urged Malcolm Turnbull to learn lessons from UK PM Theresa May's election campaign

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From:<sup>s.22</sup>

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:19 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Carbon Taxes and Paris Agreement

Christy Clark  
Premier British Columbia  
MLA Westside Kelowna

Dear Ms Clark

Congratulations on your re-election as MLA and Premier of British Columbia!

There are policy discussions about climate change in BC and Canada that fill me with a great deal of unease. The discussion appears to be focused on climate change alarmism while the real science, where data is showing no temperature change in 20 years, and that carbon dioxide doesn't cause global warming, is being ignored. I am particularly concerned the effect carbon taxes will have on our economy

As I am sure you are aware, Mr Trump has taken USA out of the Paris Agreement. Please review his speech to see the rationale that is based on potential destruction of US economy to the tune of trillions of dollars of lost GDP.

Senator James Inhofe Republican Oklahoma wrote an excellent speech in 2009 titled 'Global Warming 'Consensus' in Freefall'. Interesting quotes include:

"The proponents of mandatory global warming controls need to be honest with the American people. The purpose of these programs is to ration fossil based energy by making it more expensive, and therefore, less appealing for public consumption. It is a regressive tax that imposes a greater burden (relative to resources) on the poor than on the rich."

and

"Unfortunately, I fear that the scale and pace that many of my colleagues will be advocating for with mandatory climate policies are unrealistic, extraordinarily expensive, and ill advised. And what is the driver for these unrealistic proposals that seek to make unnecessarily abrupt and painful increases to our energy costs in the near term? It's all rooted in global warming science."

and

"When the stakes of the policy outcomes with cap and trade and other mandatory climate proposals are this high, I hope that the Senate this year will embrace my calls for objectivity and transparency in science and modeling, and I welcome my colleagues' comments on these issues as the debate moves

forward. As policy makers, it is our duty to ensure that models developed by agencies and used in policy are useful for their intended purpose, articulate major assumptions and uncertainties, and separate scientific conclusions from policy judgments."

and

"The Huffington Post article accused Gore of telling "the biggest whopper ever sold to the public in the history of humankind" because he claimed the science was settled on global warming. The Huffington Post article (3 January 2008, by Harold Ambler) titled "Mr. Gore: Apology Accepted" adds, "It is Mr. Gore and his brethren who are flat-Earthers," not skeptics."

and

"Happer is a professor in the Department of Physics at Princeton University and former Director of Energy Research at the Department of Energy who has published over 200 scientific papers, and is a fellow of the American Physical Society, The American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of Sciences. Happer does not mince words when it comes to warming fears. "I am convinced that the current alarm over carbon dioxide is mistaken...Fears about man-made global warming are unwarranted and are not based on good science," Happer declared."

Please read the speech 'Global Warming 'Consensus' in Freefall' at link for context and more information including quotes by some of more than 650 scientists dissenting from man made climate change claims here:

[https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/\\_cache/files/de215382-42ba-4978-8fee-00b4e04aeaae/globalwarmingconsensusinfreefallinhofespeech010809.pdf](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/de215382-42ba-4978-8fee-00b4e04aeaae/globalwarmingconsensusinfreefallinhofespeech010809.pdf)

The discussion about climate change and carbon taxes leaves me with some unanswered questions that I hope you will answer:

--Do you have any data that shows carbon taxes will reduce carbon dioxide in our atmosphere? If so where can I find that information?

-Have you done the homework to see what carbon taxes will cost BC in terms of GDP?

-Why are we ignoring the scientists who increasingly state there is almost no man-made influence on climate change?

-Are you aware we may be in for a period of global cooling which would potentially have serious impact on food supply?

-Why is BC continuing with a destructive policy of regressive carbon taxes that will have no impact on carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere?

-Do we need to resort to the BC Recall and Initiative act to get carbon taxes stopped before they do irreparable harm to us?

If the NDP/Green opposition are successful in holding yet another electoral reform referendum, I would ask that there is also a referendum question regarding carbon taxes.

Please cancel the Carbon Tax in British Columbia.

Please get British Columbia out of the Paris Agreement and work to get Canada out of the Paris Agreement too.

Regards,

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From

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 3:37 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: An Example of Real ClimateLeadership™

Madame Premier:

I was pleased to learn today that the United States has withdrawn its endorsement of the Paris Climate Agreement.

That is real Climate Leadership and I wish that your government would follow this example of clear-thinking too!

So how about repealing the BC Carbon Tax.

How about repealing the BC Climate Action Plan.

Repeal the BC Climate Action Charter.

In fact we do not need ClimateChange™ policies.

Madame Premier, it is time to distinguish yourselves from the NDP and Green and stop trying to appeal foreign-funded special interest groups by endorsing public policy based upon environmentalism.

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From: Clark.MLA, Christy [mailto:Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 9:34 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: FW: New submission from Contact Your Constituency Office

From:s.22  
Sent: June 2, 2017 8:49 AM  
To: Clark.MLA, Christy  
Subject: New submission from Contact Your Constituency Office

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Riding  
coal , paris climate accords.  
Comments & Feedback  
To the leaders and politicians of other countries.

I am a U.S. citizen, and I am extremely disappointed and dismayed that my president has chosen to leave the Paris Climate Accords. I would like to inform you that as a citizen of this country I endorse and support the idea that my country should be penalized for this decision. I therefore suggest this simple solution, that every country that is in the climate accords no longer buy any coal from the U.S., or allow the U.S. to export or import any coal through your countries. Once the U.S. has rejoined the Paris Climate Accords then this ban could go away. I support this action, and it's consequences for my country and I believe most other citizens of my country support this action as well. Our president has made this decision with the distorted belief it will create economic opportunity, but I think he needs to understand it will actually cause the opposite. Good luck to you and all your citizens.

A citizen of the United States of America

From: Mary Baker, Solid Communications [mailto:mary@solid-communications.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 2:31 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Interview questions re: Pacific Coast Climate Collaborative  
Importance: High

Hello Premier Clark:

I am working on a freelance article for HuffPost and Medium about the Pacific Coast Collaborative and its relevance to the current news cycle about the US dropping out of the Paris climate accord.

I'm hoping to do a roundtable-style article with comments from several top thought leaders on this topic. Please feel free to pick one or more questions (or all of them) to answer.

Thank you so much for your participation! I am setting a target deadline of Monday June 12 to receive responses-please let me know if you need more time.

(To the current members)

1. What inspired you to create the original PCC?
2. How do you track deliverables?
3. How do you engage (and track engagement) of businesses?
4. Have you experienced any significant pushback from businesses in your region?

(To everyone)

5. Would you recommend the PCC to other regions of the US?
6. What changes, if any, would you suggest?
7. What significant differences do you see between the PCC and the Paris Accord?
8. Do you think it's important to work together as regional or global collaboratives on climate protection, and why?

Thank you again for your participation!

Mary Baker  
Solid Communications

cc:

Governor Jay Inslee  
Governor Kate Brown  
Governor Jerry Brown  
Governor Bill Walker  
Premier Christy Clark  
Michael Bloomberg  
John Kasich

Evan McMillan  
Al Gore  
Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat  
Date: June 7, 2017

### U.S. Withdrawal from the Paris Accord

#### BACKGROUND:

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the Convention) of 1994 set an objective to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations. The Paris Agreement on climate change (or Paris Accord) that came into force in 2016 builds on the Convention. The main objective of the voluntary agreement is to keep global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, with additional efforts to keep it below 1.5 degrees Celsius. Countries put forward their climate action plans through “nationally determined contributions” and report regularly on their efforts. The Accord also sets out a funding system for developing countries called the Green Climate Fund.

Canada committed to reducing its emissions to 30% below 2005 levels by 2030. In March, 2016 First Ministers agreed to work together to combat climate change, which led to the Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change and Clean Growth. This includes a nation-wide carbon price that is to start at \$10 per tonne in 2018 and rise to \$50 per tonne by 2022. B.C. currently has a carbon tax of \$30 per tonne. Canada has also announced \$21.9 billion over 11 years for green infrastructure, including initiatives to transition Canada’s electricity system to be 90% non-emitting by 2030.

On June 1, the President of the United States announced that his country would withdraw from the Paris Accord which, he claimed, puts the United States at a “very, very big economic disadvantage”. He also announced the United States “will cease all implementation of the non-binding Paris Accord and the draconian financial and economic burdens the agreement imposes on our country.” The formal withdrawal process takes four years.

The President indicated that he would be interested in “negotiations to re-enter either the Paris Accord or a really entirely new transaction on terms that are fair to the United States, its businesses, its workers, its people, its taxpayers.

#### DISCUSSION

The U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Accord is a major blow to global action on climate change. As the world’s second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, the U.S. needs to reduce its emissions if global climate change is to be meaningfully addressed.

The Government of Canada remains committed to its Paris Accord targets, but U.S. withdrawal will impact Canada (and B.C.) by altering the global competitiveness landscape for emissions intensive sectors such as oil and gas. <sup>s.13</sup>

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While the U.S. federal government is backing away, several U.S. states are joining together in commitment to the Paris Accord targets through the United States Climate Alliance. The leaders in this alliance, California and Washington, have worked closely with B.C. on climate action through the Pacific Coast Collaborative. To date, no major oil and gas or coal producing states have joined the Alliance.

Nicaragua and Syria are the two other countries that have not committed to the Paris Accord. s.13,s.16  
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s.13,s.16 In September, Canada will co-host a Ministerial meeting with China and the European Union in Canada to move forward on the Paris Agreement and clean growth.

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## APPENDIX: GLOBAL REACTION

### U.S. Reaction:

**Governors Brown (CA), Cuomo (NY) and Inslee (WA) announced the formation** of a U.S. Climate Alliance, which has been joined by Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia.

**California (whose economy is the largest of any U.S. state and the sixth largest in the world) signed an agreement on June 6 with China to work together on reducing emissions.** Governor Brown signed similar collaboration agreements over the past several days with leaders in Jiangsu and Sichuan provinces.

#### **Oregon's Governor Kate Brown invoked the Pacific Coast Collaborative in her statement:**

"As founding members of the Pacific Coast Collaborative, Oregon, Washington, California, and British Columbia have shown collaboration makes a huge difference in pursuit of greenhouse gas reduction goals and working toward the development of a greener, cleaner energy mix of the future...I'm confident that we will continue to make meaningful strides to ensure our communities and economies are resilient and better prepared to meet the challenge of climate change."

**Business leaders** like the CEOs of ExxonMobil Corp (Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's former company), Apple Inc., Dow Chemical Co, Unilever NV and Tesla Inc. advised the President to remain in the Accord and have condemned his withdrawal. Tesla founder Elon Musk resigned from his presidential advisory council position in protest.

**Nearly 60% of Americans oppose President Donald Trump's decision** to remove the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement, according to a Washington Post/ABC News poll and a poll conducted by Quinnipiac University last month reported that 65% of respondents said that the president should not "remove specific regulations intended to combat climate change."

**Acting U.S. Ambassador to China** is reported to have resigned from his post because he "could not deliver" the news that Mr. Trump had decided to withdraw the U.S. from the accord.

**Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg, a United Nations Special Envoy on Cities and Climate,** sent a letter to the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change saying that Americans are still committed to the Paris Agreement. He also launched an effort with local governments and non-state actors "to formally quantify the combined - and overlapping - emissions reduction pledges, which will be known as "America's Pledge," and submit the report to the UN."

**As of the 6th of June, over 1200 U.S. mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses, and investors** had signed a letter stating that they will continue to fight climate change despite the withdrawal.

### Canadian Reaction:

"We are deeply disappointed that the United States federal government has decided to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. Canada is unwavering in our commitment to fight climate change and support

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clean economic growth. Canadians know we need to take decisive and collective action to tackle the many harsh realities of our changing climate.”

**- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau**

“We are proud that last year, we announced the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change that demonstrates the commitment of the federal government and the provinces to work with Indigenous peoples, business, environmentalists and all Canadians to grow the economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help our communities adapt to the changing climate.”

**- Minister Catherine McKenna (Environment and Climate Change)**

### **B.C.**

“I am very disappointed that President Trump intends to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement, however, I am encouraged by the bold actions taken by California, Oregon, Washington and other U.S. states towards meeting their climate targets. The B.C. Green Caucus will work hard to ensure that B.C. meets our climate targets while capitalizing on the vast opportunities that come along with transitioning to the low-carbon economy. I look forward to collaborating with both parties to build a thriving clean economy in British Columbia that will ensure a high quality of life for generations to come.”

**-Andrew Weaver, Green Party leader**

### **Ontario**

"It's really appalling to me that the president of the United States would abdicate his responsibility in the face of the greatest threat confronting humanity.”

**-Premier Kathleen Wynne**

### **Alberta**

“When Alberta makes a promise to the world, we keep it. As USA pulls back from climate change commitments, we stay committed.”

**- Premier Rachel Notley**

### **Saskatchewan**

Premier Wall commented that Canada should do its part for the environment by investing in technology rather than imposing taxes.

### **International Reaction:**

In a speech, **French** President Macron reiterated his commitment to the agreement and offered the slogan “Make Our Planet Great Again”. He teamed up with Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel to issue a joint statement in light of the President’s remarks on renegotiation: “We deem the momentum generated in Paris in December 2015 irreversible and we firmly believe that the Paris Agreement cannot be renegotiated, since it is a vital instrument for our planet, societies and economies.”

**Beijing** reiterated its commitment to the Paris agreement and, with the European Union, pledged to side-step the White House and deal directly with American business leaders.



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**England's** Downing Street issued a statement that Prime Minister Theresa May had told Trump of her "disappointment" at his decision and stressed that Britain remained committed to the agreement.

The **North Korean** state-run KCNA news agency stated: "The selfish act of the U.S. does not only have grave consequences for the international efforts to protect the environment, but poses great danger to other areas as well."

In **Mexico**, Enrique Peña Nieto said: "Mexico maintains its support and commitment to the Paris agreement to stop the effects of global climate change."

The **Vatican** said a U.S. pullout represented a "huge slap in the face" for the pope and a "disaster for everyone."

**Japan's** foreign ministry said: "Climate change requires a concerted effort by the whole of the international community. Japan believes the leadership of the developed countries to be of great importance, and the steady implementation of the Paris agreement is critical in this regard. The recent announcement by the U.S. administration on its withdrawal ... is regrettable."