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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources Canada

Many of us have followed with great interest Canada's progress and contribution to tackling the climate crisis globally, since Paris in 2015. We have watched your government lead a global dialogue on carbon pricing which builds on your personal commitment to implement an economy-wide carbon price in Canada. We also welcome your leadership in the creation of the Powering Past Coal Alliance and your commitment to a just transition for workers and communities impacted. We also welcome your work in doubling Canada's international climate finance contribution and commitment to end international public support for fossil fuels in 2022.

In 2021, your Government stood on the world stage at COP26 and committed to capping emissions from the oil and gas sector at today's level and setting 5-year emissions reduction goals for the sector to bring it to net zero by 2050. This is an admirable climate commitment and Canada will be the first country in the world to use this policy tool.

We are alarmed, particularly in light of the progress Canada has made in recent years on climate policy, to learn that your government is considering approving a major new oil development project that would jeopardize Canada's and the world's ability to meet our climate goals. Approving a project that will increase oil and gas emissions at the exact time when Canada is creating a policy to target oil and gas emissions calls into question the stringency, ambition, and effectiveness of your proposed emissions cap - a contradiction to the promises your government made in Glasgow.

The Bay du Nord project, if built, will produce up to [73 million barrels per year](#). Scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions would be equivalent to adding 7-10 million fossil fuel cars to the road or building 8-10 new coal power plants. This is in direct opposition to recommendations in the IEA's groundbreaking [Roadmap to Net Zero](#) and [1.5°C World Energy Outlook scenario](#) to stop the expansion of oil, gas and coal production and infrastructure and escalate the global transition away from fossil fuel dependence and toward renewable energy.

The IPCC reminds us that time is running out to have a chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C. A swift and deep decarbonisation of the energy sector must take place by the end of this decade to avoid missing our chance. The Bay du Nord project is incompatible with Canada's domestic and global commitment to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, play its part in the effort to hold warming to 1.5°C, and cap emissions from the oil and gas sector. There is no room for a new fossil fuel project of this magnitude in Canada's net-zero pathway.

Saying yes to this project would put Canada's international reputation at risk at a time when the movement to stop the expansion of oil and gas production is gaining momentum. Eleven countries and subnational governments have launched the [Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance](#), committing to no new expansion of oil and gas. In addition, 2800 scientists and 101 Nobel Laureates as well as [170 parliamentarians from 33 countries](#), including many from Canada, have endorsed the principles of a [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#). And at COP 26, almost 40 countries, including Canada, committed to [end international public financing for fossil fuels](#), putting the future of the industry further at risk.

Equinor has claimed that this project will help the company and Canada meet their Net Zero goals. But, again, the science is clear that there is no substitute for production and emissions cuts, and there are no silver bullet technologies that will substitute for them. We urge you to focus your efforts in ensuring a just transition for the people and communities in Newfoundland and Labrador. That's the kind of leadership the world needs today, one that focuses on building a strong economy that truly accelerates the energy transition and protects people, workers and communities.

We the undersigned organizations encourage you to not approve the Bay du Nord offshore oil drilling project.

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CLF, USA

Climate Action Moreland, Australia

Climate Action Network South Asia, India

Climate Finance Action, USA

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Ecologic Foundation, New Zealand  
EKOenergy ecolabel, Finland  
Environment & Enterprise Strategies, USA  
Environment Maine, USA  
Environmental Justice Foundation, United Kingdom  
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, USA  
FrackBustersNY, USA  
Fresh Eyes, United Kingdom  
Fridays for Future Nigeria  
Future Coalition, USA  
Gower Street, United Kingdom  
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, USA  
Green House Connection Center, USA  
GreenFaith, USA  
Heinrich Boell Foundation, USA  
Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Climate Action Campaign, USA  
Indigenous Environment Network, USA  
I-70 Citizens Advisory Group, USA  
Indivisible Ambassadors, USA  
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute, USA  
Justice Institute Guyana  
Leave it in the Ground Initiative (LINGO), Germany  
Littleton Business Alliance, USA  
Maine Youth for Climate Justice, USA  
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association Board, USA  
Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries, USA  
Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association, USA  
Mothers Out Front, USA  
Movement Rights, USA  
Natur og Ungdom, Norway  
NORGES NATURVERNFORBUND, Norway  
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE), USA  
North Range Concerned Citizens, USA  
Oil Change International, USA  
Philadelphia Solar Energy Association, USA  
PSR Arizona, USA  
Quantum Leap, Costa Rica  
RapidShift Network, USA  
REDPro Consultants, Greece  
Save EPA, USA  
Small Business Alliance, USA  
Southwest Organization for Sustainability, USA

Stand.earth, USA  
System Change Not Climate Change, USA  
Te Upoko o te Ika Climate Community, New Zealand  
The Center for an Ecology-Based Economy, USA  
Third World Network, Malaysia  
Tools For Solidarity, United Kingdom  
Unite Metro North Denver, USA  
Uplift, United Kingdom  
Urgewald, Germany  
Vote Climate, USA  
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Western Slope Businesses for a Livable Climate, USA  
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Sincerely,



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