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Candidates challenged to take the KYOTOpus pledge

A partnership of more than 30 public interest organizations plans to reveal to the public exactly who is committed to strong action on climate change and who is not using the "KYOTOpus Pledge for Canadian Politicians." Voters across the country are urged to contact their candidates and ask them to sign the pledge, which commits to science-based greenhouse gas reduction targets and a credible national plan to achieve them.

Read the pledge and view current standings here:
www.kyotoplus.ca/en/pledge.html

Truckers need fuel efficiency, not diesel tax cuts

The trucking industry would save more money from a proposed fuel efficiency program than from the diesel tax cut promised by the Conservatives last week, say scientist David Suzuki and economist Nancy Olewiler. The Canadian Trucking Association's proposed "EnviroTruck" fuel savings program, for which it is asking federal funding of \$56 million annually, would save the industry at least \$2 billion a year and deliver a cut in greenhouse gases equivalent to taking 2.6 million cars off the road. In contrast, the Conservatives' tax cut on diesel fuel would save the trucking industry only \$140 million a year, while driving emissions ever higher.

Read the story:
www.canada.com/vancouver/news/editorial/story.html?id=712db714-b636-4563-b78f-ced1b034c46a

See more information about the enviroTruck initiative here:
www.cantruck.com/envirotruck/index.html

Top climate scientist throws support behind Dion

In an interview to promote his new book, University of Victoria climate scientist Andrew Weaver has thrown his support behind Dion's Liberal party. "A green vote is for a Liberal government and Stéphane Dion. There is no other candidate you can vote for," says

Weaver, part of the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and author of *Keeping Our Cool: Canada in a Warming World*.

Read the story:

www.canada.com/vancouver/news/arts/story.html?id=7b9e2d6a-e3d3-4b42-bbe0-56fde6443007

Conservatives challenged to defend their climate plan

As the election campaign heats up, environmentalists say it's time the Conservatives switched from attacking the Liberals and started explaining and defending their own carbon-pricing plan. The Conservatives have yet to reveal the final details of their "Turning the Corner" plan for greenhouse gas regulations.

Read the story:

www.canada.com/montrealgazette/news/story.html?id=c94094b1-4227-40a3-87b6-df2e8b02b38

And just for fun: David Suzuki, samurai

www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3_NnfT8SU4

Get Involved

Check out the Climate Action Network Election 2008 page for a fact check on federal climate action and a guide to the key election news, analysis, and action websites at www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/election-2008/index.html

Get your candidate to sign the KYOTOplus pledge. Get candidates in your riding to commit to science-based greenhouse gas reduction targets and a credible national plan to achieve them. To get involved in your area, contact kyotoplus@climateactionnetwork.ca. To download the pledge and view current standings, go to www.kyotoplus.ca/en/pledge.html.

Sunshine Walk: Powered by our feet... to demand a future powered by the sun! Participants will be leaving Toronto on October 4 and trekking by foot to Ottawa to promote the transition to renewable energy. Join up for all or part of the walk, or give your clean, green solutions in a letter to be delivered to the new government in Ottawa on October 20. See www.torontoclimatecampaign.org/sunshinewalk or e-mail info.sunshinewalk@gmail.com.

Send a sign that you're voting for Real Action on climate. Let your federal candidates know that climate change is a key issue for you this election with a lawn sign from Voters Taking Action on Climate Change. Order your sign at www.vtacc.org/vtacc_template.php?content=lawn_sign

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