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Just Transition Task Force

It's unfortunate that we as Canadians find ourselves ridiculed by other nations for the emissions that we produce, for the sheer reason that we lack population density. We find ourselves here today to discuss the significant impacts that a transition away from traditional coal fired generation will have on not just the communities where the generation and mines are located, but the entire people in the province of Saskatchewan who rely on it's safe and reliable source of power. In a climate known for its adverse weather conditions it is a requirement for the people of this great province to have the ability to rely on safe, reliable and affordable generation. At the current point in history, we cannot rely solely on a notion that green generation is the solution, as power storage, generation reliability, and efficiency are huge barriers that affect our province.

In 2016 CBC reported that Saskatchewan received a 'D' grade on the environmental report card based on our heavy reliance of coal fired generation, while a country like Germany scored an 'A'. I am here to tell you: the environment does not care about population density and it is foolish to think that because a country has a higher population density, which somehow diminishes their carbon footprint.

In 2015 Saskatchewan produced a total of 75 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> which, when put into context of population density, would seem like a significant number. Saskatchewan produces 70 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per capita while a country touted as a climate champion like Germany produced 9.3 tonnes per capita which is a total amount of 907 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

If a measurement tool such as usage footprint were utilized, Saskatchewan would see 115 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per square kilometre while Germany would see a whopping 2,538 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per square kilometre.

There is no denying that we as a nation have to begin making changes to ensure that the planet is inhabitable for humans long into the future, however I am not of the same opinion that reproduction of the species somehow diminishes the impact CO<sub>2</sub> has on the environment.

The Government of Saskatchewan, SaskPower, many other businesses, as well as the people of this province are making significant attempts to reduce the overall CO<sub>2</sub> footprint and have a plan to see our generation mix having 50% renewables by 2030. This plan shall be achieved through both economical and environmentally viable methods. Provinces with higher population density will have easier transitions as there is a significantly higher tax base to support a more rapid approach.

In the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2067's presentation to the Just Transition Task Force we will focus on the following areas of significant concern regarding the Federal Government's accelerated plan to move away from traditional coal fired generation.

1. Impacts:
  - a. Impact on the membership;
  - b. Impact on the affected membership;
  - c. Impact to the communities;
  - d. Impacts to the people of Saskatchewan
2. Requirements:
  - a. Resources to deal with the impacts to the membership;
  - b. Resources needed to deal with the impacts to the affected members;
  - c. Resources needed to deal with the impacts to the communities;
  - d. Resources needed for the companies and corporations within the affected industry and communities;
  - e. Resources to deal with the impacts to the people of Saskatchewan.

Sincerely

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