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Senate of Canada

Dear Senator

Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice have been watching with great interest the process of Bill C-311—the Climate Change Accountability Act. We were pleased to see the commitment to democratic process and the non-partisan concern about this important issue which resulted in cross-party co-operation to pass this important bill in the House of Commons. I am writing to you to express the hope of concerned Unitarians across the country that the Senate will do the same.

Climate change is the defining challenge of our time. Without urgent action, the consequences for our children and grandchildren will be dire. In Canada, we see the results directly in the melting of the Arctic Ice, and the devastating effect it is having on the people and animals of that ecosystem.

We all have a responsibility to act. Unitarian congregations and individuals across the country are taking action to reduce their carbon footprints. We look to this bill to create the context that will encourage more such actions across all sectors of our society. The Climate Change Accountability Act promises science-based targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as a mechanism to ensure these targets are met.

I respectfully encourage you and your Senate colleagues to pass Bill C-311 without delay. A majority of MPs representing a large majority of Canadians have shown the urgency of the situation by coming together and passing this bill. We hope the democratic expression of the widespread consensus for action on climate change, shown in the House of Commons vote, will be supported through a similar decision in the Senate.

Sincerely,

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