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Subject: Impact of the Carbon Tax Request

Hello,

Pierre Poilievre and the Official Opposition are pushing for a carbon tax election because we are the only team in the House of Commons who cares about the impact the costly carbon tax is having on Canadian families, businesses, farmers, and municipalities.

In our efforts to axe the tax and force a carbon tax election, we want Canadians to understand the significant impact the carbon tax is having on municipal budgets. During a time of increased inflation, this additional cost has been even more challenging to overcome for the municipalities in Foothills as you have limited budgets and do not want to pass these costs on to your residents. As councillors, you have seen firsthand the difficulty Foothills residents are having to pay their bills and make ends meet at the end of the month.

It is our understanding some municipalities, like the MD of Willow Creek, have started isolating and quantifying the additional costs of the carbon tax on their budgets. This includes the carbon tax costs associated with heating municipal buildings and facilities, fuel for public works fleet and equipment, seniors' centres, hockey rinks and more. You may even be charged a separate line item on some of your construction or maintenance contracts and on the delivery of items.

If you have that information, Mr. Barlow would appreciate it if you would share it with our office. We can keep this information confidential if you wish, but we want to share it with Pierre Poilievre and for Mr. Barlow to use in Question Period, speeches in debate and for his work at committee. This information is critical in their fight to axe the tax. Therefore, any insights you can provide as to the overall impact of the carbon tax on your budget would also be helpful. This information will allow him to work with Caucus to advocate for the removal of the carbon tax more effectively. The carbon tax is set to increase once again on April 1 so time is of the essence, please provide your information as soon as you can put the data together.

If you would prefer to meet with John in person to discuss the impacts of the carbon tax on your municipal budget, please reach out to me directly and we will schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,



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