

Dear For Our Kids supporter,

It's a noisy world, full of voices clamouring for attention. So why add more to the mix?

Because your voice - as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, caregiver - speaking up for the future of the kids in your life, is what decision-makers need to hear as they set the course for climate action in this crucial decade.

More on that train of thought below. First, here's a time-limited opportunity to act:

Weigh in by Jan. 14 on the government's GHG emissions-reduction target for 2030.

It can take as little as 10 minutes or as long as you like. <u>Here is all you need to know</u> along with suggested responses you can use and adapt to reflect your thoughts.

How important is it? As a reminder, we're at the point where <u>drastic reductions in GHG emissions are needed</u> to keep global warming from reaching a rate that is catastrophic, and we will have the most impact before 2030.

This is the first of many opportunities you'll have to use your voice over the next year, and we're here to support you.

I'm writing this message in the midst of reading *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Caine. As someone well into the introvert range of the scale, it's good to be reminded that each of us communicates differently but every voice is needed.

Here are just a few examples of what collective voices can do:

amplify voices that are being silenced or overlooked bring an issue to the front of an election campaign support youth, letting your kids know you won't give up change a course of action

There is support and strength in community, and that's what the For Our Kids network is all about. **Reach out.** Contact Natalie (natalie@forourkids.ca) or join one of our monthly welcome calls. Next call is Tuesday, January 25.

Leaving you with one more note of inspiration from two FOK parents.

Take care, and remember, we love to hear from you!

Lella, Lorna, Natalie & Ruth