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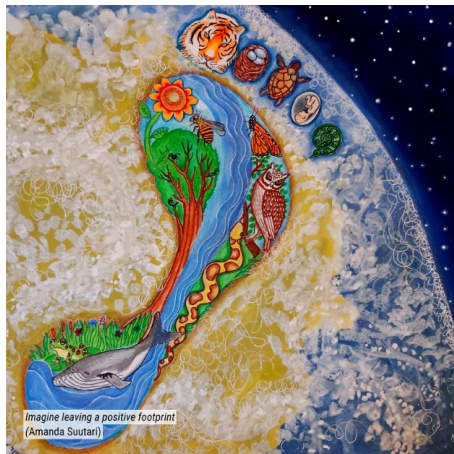
We have a chance right now to seriously cut emissions and finally get on track to meeting net-zero targets. You might not have heard about this in the news or on social media yet, so we're making it easy for you to learn about it and make the most of this opportunity.

What's an emissions cap?

Basically, it's a limit on GHG emissions coming from the oil and gas industry. This sector is one of Canada's largest sources of emissions and the **volume keeps growing**. While each of us is trying to make changes to keep within the least dangerous level of global warming possible, we won't have enough of an impact without cutting this major source of carbon pollution.

The best way to do that is through federal regulation, because the industry itself is not moving urgently enough. A cap on emissions from the oil and gas industry is part of the federal regulation being drafted right now, which is why **now is a critical time to let MPs know the cap needs to be strong and robust**. These limits need to be set in order for Canada to meet the targets set in the *Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act* passed in 2021.

How can we push for a strong cap?



For Our Kids and other concerned groups across the country have teamed up to make it easy for you to share your message with the government as it draws up the regulation. Head to the [Cap Pollution Cards website](#) to send a postcard to your MP: choose an image, write your message or select a pre-written version, and we'll do the rest - **we'll print and mail your postcard to your MP**.

The images are beautiful and stirring, the messages are clear and compelling, and MPs need to hear from their constituents as they shape this profoundly important regulation. They are hearing from oil and gas industry lobbyists every day. Your voices, speaking up for our kids and future generations, need to be heard too.

[Send your postcard now!](#)

Questions? Reach us at hello@forourkids.ca or [find out more here](#)

For BC members!

FOK has been approved to present to the BC Budget Committee on June 14th and put forward three recommendations for consideration. We'd love to know what issues you feel are important: some ideas are to include more funding for electric school buses, protection for old growth forests, support for Indigenous-led conservation initiatives, and support for municipalities to reduce emissions. What are your top three priorities for the budget committee? If you have feedback - or would like to be involved - please email ruth@forourkids.ca

For Ontario members!

An invitation from the FOK Toronto Beyond Gas sub-group:

We have been discussing the Ontario government's plans to drastically expand natural gas production of electricity over the next two decades - at a time when we should be winding down use of natural gas and investing heavily in renewable energy and conservation.

We wanted to share some information with you about this issue, so that your group can learn more about this issue and consider becoming involved. Many groups are working on this issue, including the Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign and Environmental Defence. We plan to take some actions at the municipal level in Toronto, as one of the possible gas plants that may be expanded is the Portlands Gas Plant.

Links for more information:

[Ontario Climate Emergency "Beyond Gas" advocacy campaign](#)

[Environmental Defence "No More Gas Plants" campaign](#)

[Register here](#) for a webinar happening tonight, May 4, 6-7:30 pm ET

If your group plans to take some actions on this issue and you would like to coordinate/collaborate with our group, please get in touch with me: corey.helmrece@gmail.com

For everyone: Better Banking is possible

The recently-released ***Banking on Climate Chaos*** report for 2022 shows Canada's top five banks continue to be among the top financiers of fossil fuel projects in the world, to the tune of a combined \$1.1 trillion since 2015. Parents have the power to change that by learning more about how banks are investing our money, and normalizing those conversations.

Bill S-243 – the [Climate-Aligned Finance Act](#) (CAFA) could be a huge first step to bring Canada's financial sector in line with climate science, mitigate growing risks to our financial system, and start pushing for an orderly transition to a low-carbon economy. The Bill is currently at the Canadian Senate and if it passes, will come to the House of Commons for debate.

[Here's a really helpful overview](#) about CAFA and how FOK's Banking For Our Kids campaign is supporting the bill - and what you can do, including [signing our open letter to Canadian Senators](#)!

Reach out to gabrielle@forourkids.ca if you have questions, ideas, or want to be involved.

Connect with us!

We know first-hand how overwhelming it can feel to think about what we can do to make a difference. We're here for you! And we're really happy to let you know that Jinhwa has joined the national support team specifically to connect with new members, or those of you who may have joined the network a while ago and are still searching for your path of engagement. **Jinhwa is looking forward to hearing from you**; please don't hesitate to reach out to her at jinhwa@forourkids.ca for a chat.

And remember you can always reach the whole FOK national support team: Gabrielle, Jinhwa, Lella, Lorna, Natalie, Rebecca & Ruth at hello@forourkids.ca

We also welcome your comments on our [feedback form](#)

Thanks for taking action for your kids.

For Our Kids parents and teams are grateful to live, work, meet, and act in communities built on the territories of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples across Turtle Island. We recognize the ongoing harm and injustices of colonization and we commit to working toward safe, inclusive, just, equitable and healthy communities for all.

You can [read more here](#) about our ongoing learning and commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.