

## Op-Ed templates to get you started

### “Clean Up Our Messes” (139 words)

If you make a mess, clean it up. Most parents have probably said that to their kids at some point. It's a solid family value that teaches personal responsibility.

Politicians who propose to eliminate Canada's industrial carbon tax make it harder to teach this value, because they are saying: it's okay for adults not to pay for the pollution messes we've made — we can just leave them for our kids to clean up.

At bottom, we don't really have a choice between paying or not paying for our pollution. Our only choice is to pay less now, or saddle younger and future generations with even higher clean-up costs down the road.

We pay for our pollution because we love our kids and grandkids. It's a duty we owe them — and we betray their health and safety when we don't.

### “Stand Up for Canada” (125 words)

As President Trump retreats from international climate cooperation and meaningful domestic action, Canada should impose a carbon tariff that targets high polluters south of the border.

By doing so, we would not only stand up for our country and its economic security. We'd also protect the wellbeing of future generations — those who will bear the burden of climate inaction.

Canada already has an industrial pollution price doing the heavy lifting to meet our climate goals. We should strengthen this tool to push back against US tariffs by targeting America's dirtiest industries and regions.

The EU already applies carbon tariffs to shield industries from unfair competition from countries with no pollution limits. The UK is following suit. It's time for Canada to act just as boldly.