Renegotiate NAFTA NOW!

Prime Minister,

Sixty-one per cent of Canadians agree that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) should be renegotiated to include enforceable labour and environmental standards, according to a September 2008 Environics poll commissioned by the Council of Canadians.

It's time to listen to the Canadian public and review NAFTA's energy and water provisions. In particular, I demand:

- ✓ The rejection of investor-state provisions in NAFTA that allow corporations to sue member governments for compensation in secretive trade tribunals – not state courts – over almost any state measure that impacts predicted profits. This impedes the creation and enforcement of strong environmental and labour standards.

- ✓ An energy exemption from NAFTA to allow for greater direction in the public interest of Canadian non-renewable energy sources, for more conservation and energy efficiency programs, the ability to meet Canadians' energy needs, and prioritizing environmental and social protections. In particular, Canada should obtain an exemption on the proportional sharing clause, article 605

- ✓ The exclusion of water from NAFTA as voted by Members of Parliament on June 4, 2007.

I demand that you stop protecting unfair trade deals that are not in Canadians' best interests; that undermine labour and environmental standards, and put our water and energy resources at risk. It is time to take immediate action and renegotiate NAFTA.

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