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Dear Islands Trust Area Members of Parliament:

**Re: Request for support for climate actions**

I am writing on behalf of Islands Trust Council to advise you that, on September 11, 2026, Islands Trust Council endorsed the [Joint Statement](#) issued by municipal leaders following the June 4, 2026 Elbows Up for Climate Summit in Edmonton. We are also writing to request that, as Members of Parliament representing the Islands Trust Area, you support efforts for immediate federal action on the five key actions in the Statement.

The Joint Statement reflects the concerns of local elected leaders across Canada about the increasing impacts of climate change on communities, infrastructure, economies and residents. These concerns are particularly relevant to the Islands Trust Area, where communities and ecosystems are closely connected to the health and resilience of the land, waters and surrounding Salish Sea.

The Joint Statement calls for immediate federal action in five key areas:

1. A national East-West-North clean electric grid, powered by renewable energy rather than fossil gas, to make Canada a clean energy superpower;
2. At least two million non-market homes that are zero polluting, efficient and built to the highest standards, using Canadian steel, aluminum and lumber;
3. Home retrofits and mass heat pump and solar installations across the country to reduce energy bills and pollution, and spur economic activity in every community;

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4. A clean transportation system with a national high-speed rail network, extended with Canadian-made electric buses, and reversing federal cuts to local transit; and
5. A national resilience, response and recovery strategy to rebuild from future disasters, funded by a new tax on excess oil and gas profits from the Iran war.

Trust Council's endorsement is consistent with its 2019 declaration of a climate emergency and reflects the importance of coordinated action among all orders of government to address climate change, strengthen community resilience and protect the natural environment.

Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 residents and approximately 10,000 non-resident property owners within the Islands Trust Area. Guided by its legislated mandate to preserve and protect the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of present and future generations, Islands Trust advances conservation-oriented land use planning, stewardship, education, and cooperation with First Nations, local governments, and other agencies. We recognize that healthy ecosystems, resilient communities, and sustainable local economies are interdependent and essential to the long-term well-being of the islands.

We respectfully call on you to support and advocate for immediate federal action on the five actions identified in the Joint Statement. Thank you for considering this request.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Laura Patrick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laura Patrick  
Chair, Islands Trust Council

cc: Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Climate Caucus  
Bowen Island Municipal Council  
Islands Trust Council

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