



Dear Melissa Matlow,

Thank you for the letter on behalf of World Animal Protection. I would like to begin by thanking you for your important work on animal welfare and protection.

The Liberal Party of Canada is deeply committed to conserving and protecting our biodiversity, wildlife, and habitat. This is an important legacy for our kids and for our grandkids.

Conserving and restoring biodiversity is an international challenge. The illegal trade of ivory and tusks has caused one of the most staggering declines on elephants and rhinos in history. The Liberal Party of Canada has long opposed the illegal trade of wildlife globally, and recognizes we need do more. The previous Liberal government announced strict new regulations in 2023 that will restrain trade and contribute to the conservation of these iconic species.

A newly elected government led by Mark Carney is committed to continuing to support strong laws to reduce the commercial trade in wild animals to reduce animal welfare, environmental and health risks. On April 7, Mark Carney announced that he will champion nature conservation internationally, including by stopping illegal wildlife trade across our borders with modern digital solutions. Mark Carney also announced new measures to clean up, maintain, and protect wildlife in and around our coastal waters, including by investing an additional \$15 million to modernize the location, retrieval, and responsible disposal of the ghost gear threatening marine mammals and birds.

We agree that strong protections at the border are necessary. On April 10, Mark Carney announced his action plan to bring criminal gangs to justice, stop illegal guns and drugs from flowing over the U.S. border, and build safer communities here at home. This plan includes training 1,000 new CBSA officers to crack down on drugs, including fentanyl and its precursors, illegal guns, and stop gangs from stealing cars and smuggling them out of the country. We will also add new border scanners, drones and K-9 teams, to better target suspicious shipments at our land borders, ports, and railyards.

Mark Carney is committed to implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework and conserving 30% of Canada's lands and waters by 2030. To halt the increasingly global decline of biodiversity, legislation that improves animal protections is essential. The Liberal Party of Canada has previously passed legislation to ban the breeding, display, and trade for whales, dolphins, and porpoises for entertainment. A newly elected Liberal Government led by Mark Carney will build off this work to protect more animals in Canada and abroad.

We will also strengthen Canada's food security by investing in greenhouses, hydroponics, and other controlled environment agriculture that allow us to grow more types of food here at

home. We will work with the private sector to protect Canadian food security. A new government led by Mark Carney will make decisions based on science and data. A new government led by Mark Carney will make the National School Food Program permanent. The program is a direct investment into the middle class—making life a little easier for working families. It is also a safety net for the children who don't always have enough to eat at home. Liberals launched this program last year, with a plan to help feed 400,000 — in less than ten months agreements were reached with all provinces and territories to reach over 500,000 kids. Conservatives voted against this program. No child should go hungry. So we will make this program permanent so that no child goes to school hungry. And we will prioritize Canadian-made food as much as possible.

Only by fighting climate change can we protect our natural environment, and only by protecting our natural environment can we protect ourselves, our planet, our future from the threat of climate change.

A new government led by Mark Carney will work to achieve Canada's emissions reductions targets. Climate change is accelerating and is one of the great challenges facing humanity, and when Canadians face these challenges, they rise to the occasion. Canada's emissions are going down, and we are committed to making more progress under Mark Carney's leadership. Meanwhile, Pierre Poilievre won't make big polluters pay and has committed to removing almost every emission reduction policy put into place since 2015.

Mark Carney's climate policy is unifying, credible, and predictable—to reduce emissions, drive investment, and build an economy for the future. It is science-based and guided by transparency. By working together and pursuing more effective policies, we can build a sustainable economy for all Canadians across generations and the strongest economy in the G7.

Thank you again for your letter and for your efforts.

Sincerely,

The Liberal Party of Canada

