



February 26, 2020

Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Regina — Qu'Appelle
Leona Alleslev, Deputy Leader, Aurora — Oak Ridges — Richmond Hill
Alain Rayes, Quebec Political Lieutenant, Richmond — Arthabaska
Tom Kmiec, Conservative National Caucus Chair, Calgary Shepard
Michael Barrett, Ethics, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
Hon. Michael Chong, Democratic Institutions, Wellington — Halton Hills
Marilyn Gladu, Health, Sarnia — Lambton
Luc Berthold, Infrastructure and Communities, Mégantic — L'Érable

Dear Andrew Scheer and members of the Conservative shadow cabinet:

We request that you repudiate the statements of Conservative MP Luc Berthold alleging that a powerful, rich, anti-asbestos lobby is operating in Quebec and Canada that finances false scientific studies, acts abusively and is an enemy to communities in Quebec where asbestos mines operated in the past.

Please also tell us if you support the scientific evidence that asbestos cannot be safely used and that its use should be banned.

We look forward to receiving a response from all of you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Ruff, Founder & Director, RightOnCanada.ca, kruff@starlynx.ca.

Recipient of the Medal of the Quebec National Assembly to thank her for her perseverance in the struggle to stop the mining of asbestos in Quebec and Canada and to ban its use and for her essential contribution to the health of workers and the population of Quebec.

On behalf of:

ORGANISATIONS:

Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Jean Zigby, MD, CM, CCFP(PC),
Past-President

Coalition Québec Meilleure Mine, Ugo Lapointe

MiningWatch Canada, Jamie Kneen & Ugo Lapointe

Rideau Institute, Peggy Mason , former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament to the UN

Friends of the Earth Canada, Beatrice Olivastri, CEO

INDIVIDUALS

Note: Titles and affiliations are given for identification purposes only

Dr. John Calvert, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

David Mandel, Professor, Département de science politique, L'Université du Québec à Montréal.

Colin Soskolne, Professor emeritus, University of Alberta; Emeritus Fellow, American College of Epidemiology; Emeritus Fellow, Collegium Ramazzini; Former President, Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics (2007-2011); Former Chair, International Network for Epidemiology in Policy (formerly: International Joint Policy Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology) (2014-2016). Montreal, Quebec

John R. Keyserlingk, MD, MSC, FRCS(C), FACS. Medical Director | Surgical Oncologist - VM Medical, Montréal, QC

Pierre Gosselin, MD, MPH, Médecin-conseil, INSPQ, Professeur de clinique au CHU de Québec-Université Laval (Médecine), Professeur associé, INRS-ETE

Roch Lafrance, juriste, Montréal, Québec

Stewart MacAdam, active in working to protect workers and citizens from asbestos harm, Montreal, Quebec

Robert DeMatteo, Director of Occupational Health, Ontario Public Service Employees Union - OPSEU (Retired); continuing to conduct research into occupational disease, Ontario

Dale DeMatteo, Health researcher, Hospital for Sick Children (retired), Ontario

Dr. Margaret Keith. PhD, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Criminology and Anthropology, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

Alan Smith, asbestos victim suffering from mesothelioma, Calgary, Alberta

Noorah Atiyah, Graduate student, MPH candidate 2020, Simon Fraser University, Faculty of Health Sciences, BC

Dr James Brophy, PhD, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Criminology and Anthropology, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

Dr. Cathy Conrad, Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Program Coordinator, Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS

Josette Wier, MD, Hazelton, BC

Jean Simpson, member, Victims of Chemical Valley, Sarnia, Ontario

Margaret Buist, member, Victims of Chemical Valley, Sarnia, Ontario

Mary Dottori, member, Victims of Chemical Valley, Sarnia, Ontario

Jim Churcher, member, Victims of Chemical Valley, Sarnia, Ontario

Ada Lockridge, member, Victims of Chemical Valley, Sarnia, Ontario

Tony Ferrari, member, Victims of Chemical Valley, Sarnia, Ontario

The family of Blayne Kinart :

We are a family who have been devastated by Mesothelioma caused by Asbestos. We know full well there is no safe use of asbestos:

Sandra Kinart, Sarnia, Ontario

Shari Scarpelli (Kinart), Sarnia, Ontario

Lisa Kinart, Sarnia, Ontario Shane Kinart, Sarnia, Ontario

Audrey Kinart (mother), Sarnia, Ontario

The family of Pat McLaughlin :

Carol McLaughlin (Kinart), Sarnia, Ontario

Christopher McLaughlin, Sarnia, Ontario

Alison Montnegro, Sarnia, Ontario

Jennifer McLaughlin, Sarnia, Ontario

The family of Harold Kinart :

Suzanne Kinart, Sarnia, Ontario

Craig Kinart, Sarnia, Ontario

The family of Edith Bishop (Kinart) :

MaryAnne Bishop, Sarnia, Ontario

The family of Garnet Burley :

Kay (Kinart) Burley, Sarnia, Ontario

Charleen Graham, Sarnia, Ontario

Karen Gillespie, Sarnia, Ontario

Elaine Smith, Sarnia, Ontario

Cheryl Orrange (Kinart), Sarnia, Ontario, on behalf of the deceased:

Garnet Burley, factory worker

Blayne Kinart. Millwright

Pat McLaughlin. Pipefitter

Edith Bishop, Housekeeping in Hospital

Harold Kinart, Pipefitter

Toby MacDonald RN, Mother of a child exposed to asbestos & lead during school renovation.
Advocate with Parents Against Asbestos, as well Concerned Parents of TOSH, Prince Edward
Island

Anne Rochon Ford, Nail Salon Workers Project, Toronto, Ontario