

# **PETITION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR PARTIALLY SUBSIDIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

## **1. Purpose**

In some European, Asian countries and some states in USA which have congestion and air quality problems in the big cities the Government stimulates the use of environmentally friendly transportation by paying partially for the purchase of electric vehicle or deducting certain percent from the taxes. This encourages the manufacturers and dealers to manufacture and promote electric vehicles and commuters to use them as an alternative of their cars.

In December 2002 Canada ratified the Kyoto protocol with the binding to reduce its green house gas emission for the next ten years to the level six per cent below than 1990. It is well known that the biggest single source of green house gas is the transportation. There are predictions that due to the population increase, especially in British Columbia and Ontario, the greenhouse gas emission in Canada will double for the next ten years.

## **2. Why Federal Government**

Before the ratification of Kyoto protocol there were debates between the provincial and Federal Government that this act may affect adversely the provincial economies. We believe that a nationwide incentive contributing to emission decreasing will be a fair remedy from the Federal Government. Emphasizing the efforts for reducing the green house gas emission on transportation would prevent also some industry cuts.

## **3. Proposed methods of subsidizing**

Our suggestion is that the subsidy fund should be based on the principal “pollutant pays”. We believe that the encouragement of the use of environmentally friendly transportation should be closely related to discouraging of the use of high capacity fossil fuel cars. The best form of subsidizing would be to form a fund from the proposed by the government fuel levy to the owners of vehicles, considered to emit more greenhouse gases than the average vehicle. Using the levy for the same purpose for which it is collected would reduce the reaction of the high volume vehicles owners, especially when they also can benefit from this.

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