We Firmly Oppose the Canadian Government's Position on Increased Pipeline Infrastructure and Revenue

On August 9th, 2021, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change affirmed that the government will increase pipeline infrastructure and in turn, revenue to continue phasing out fossil fuels and achieving zero carbon emissions by 2050.

As an alliance of students across British Columbia, we believe that this position contradicts the commitment made as a government to entrench the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) into Canadian law, and is a catastrophic misstep towards addressing the climate crises that directly impacts the stewards of Turtle island as well as all inhabitants of this land.

We would like to emphasize specifically that increased pipeline infrastructure fails to meet several commitments noted in UNDRIP:

- Article 8(2b)
- Article 26 (1-3)
- Article 29 (1-3)
- Article 32 (1-3)

Further, in February of 2020, the Alliance approved an issues-based policy which addresses that climate change will negatively impact the livelihood and futures of not only its members but citizens of the world at large.

The Alliance insists that you refer to the findings of a special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published in 2018 stating that significant action must be taken to mitigate climate change before 2030, as to avoid long-lasting or irreversible damage or loss of ecosystems and resources. You can find this Issues Based Policy [here](https://www.climatecentral.org/gallery/graphics/the-globe-is-already-above-1c).

We insist that you reconsider this position that clearly contradicts our collective commitment to implement UNDRIP and moves further away from combatting the climate crises.

In solidarity,

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1 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
2 "The globe is already above 1°C, on its way to 1.5°C," Climate Central, October 9, 2018, accessed online: [https://www.climatecentral.org/gallery/graphics/the-globe-is-already-above-1c](https://www.climatecentral.org/gallery/graphics/the-globe-is-already-above-1c)