



Dear finance committee member:

On behalf of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), I am writing with regard to Bill C-9, the *Jobs and Economic Growth Act*.

Specifically, Canada's registered nurses are concerned about the proposed changes to environmental assessments. We believe that by adopting the proposed assessment requirements, which are far less rigorous than current standards, this legislation puts the environment, on which we all depend for good health, at great risk. Changes to the environmental assessment process require a more fulsome and transparent discussion; the proposed changes should be dealt with during Parliament's review of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, scheduled to take place later this year, rather than tacked on to the *Jobs and Economic Growth Act*.

CNA endorses a broad health approach that addresses factors both inside and outside the health system. Registered nurses not only assess and communicate the risks of environmental hazards, but also advocate for policies that protect health by preventing exposure to those hazards.

CNA urges the federal government to create environmental laws that increase protection of human health, not weaken it.

Sincerely,

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