



Canada's chemistry industry supports a balanced approach to climate change

We, the *Chemistry Industry Association of Canada* (CIAC), want to express our support for the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the efforts being made to achieve global agreement.

The *Chemistry Industry Association of Canada* represents the interests of Canada's leading chemistry companies. The \$53 billion chemistry sector creates 500,000 direct and indirect jobs in Canada. As global leaders in *Responsible Care*[®], the Association's U.N.-recognized sustainability initiative; we know that environmental improvement and economic development go hand in hand. We know this requires carefully developed policies by governments at all levels.

Our view is Canada can be the global leader in sustainable manufacturing and resource development. This can be achieved with policies that encourage emissions reductions and support innovation in advanced manufacturing sectors.

The Canadian chemistry sector has always taken the emissions challenge seriously. Canadian chemical plants are global leaders in reducing emissions because we invest in the best available technologies. The sector has achieved absolute greenhouse gas emissions reductions of more than 69 per cent since 1992. As well, the high-value manufacturing solutions of Canadian producers support other key manufacturers working to meet their own reduction targets. As we grow in Canada, we will continue to offer these solutions to Canadians.

To grow we need a stable and predictable policy and business environment. Canada is well-positioned to win a significant portion of the almost \$150 billion of potential chemistry investment in North America. In a highly competitive industry such as ours, government policies can be a strong driver to attract investment that supports the creation and development of sustainable products, stimulates economic growth and creates jobs.

We encourage the Government of Canada to collaborate with the provinces and territories to pursue solutions which not only reduce our country's carbon footprint but also enable high-value industries such as chemistry to compete globally.

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