

[REDACTED] - Oil Exploration in the Gulf of St. Lawrence- Ryan Reddin
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Subject: Oil Exploration in the Gulf of St. Lawrence

Mr. Bonnell and Ms. Young,

I am writing to register my opposition, as a citizen of Prince Edward Island, to any and all oil drilling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

There is simply no way to guarantee that oil drilling and extraction would never result in a spill or a blowout. With the enclosed nature of the Gulf it would only take one such disaster to destroy the waters, coastal areas and fisheries of five provinces. The Gulf is fragile enough as it is, and needs more protection, not dangerous exploitation. I understand that Canadian regulations cap liability for such disasters at \$30 million, which is paltry when one considers that the recent Gulf of Mexico blowout has cost \$37 billion to date.

Moreover, no amount of money can fix the habitat, species and economic destruction that a spill or blowout will wreak in the immediate and long term. PEI is a wonderful place to live, but the Island environment is already suffering the effects of climate change, eutrophication of waterways and acid rain. I've been fortunate to grow up here and I have no plans to move elsewhere. I want my daughter to have the option of living her life on PEI if she chooses. No board or oil company has the right to put that at risk.

Finally, it's high time we weaned ourselves off of oil. When there's too much carbon in the atmosphere already we shouldn't be looking for new ways to drag more out of the ground.

Sincerely,

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