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To Governor of JBIC Tadashi Maeda,

We write to you today as organizations representing 2.3 million Canadians who believe in taking strong action on climate change. Today, we are asking you to reject any investment in the LNG Canada project in Kitimat, British Columbia. Upon completion, the facility would be one of the largest point sources of carbon pollution in the country.

It would create an annual 9.6 megatonnes (MT) of greenhouse gas emissions by the time Canada has pledged to be net-zero in 2050. It is our understanding that the United States recently asked Japan to stop international public finance for fossil fuel projects, including liquefied natural gas (LNG). We echo the Biden administration's request and ask that the Japan Bank for International Cooperation cancel any plans to invest in the LNG Canada facility.

We also stand in solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership, who have never given their consent for the Coastal GasLink pipeline to cross their territories as required by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. That pipeline is an inseparable part of the LNG Canada project.

LNG projects are extremely polluting because they burn a portion of their gas to power the liquefaction of their products. Methane emissions from upstream extraction and processing further worsen the climate impacts of gas. It is unacceptable for Japan to commit to a 46 per cent reduction in its carbon emissions and then further invest in LNG.

We urge the Japan Bank for International Cooperation to reject financing for the LNG Canada project and adopt strong climate policies that exclude all fossil fuels from public investment. Thank you for your consideration of this request and please advise us on any developments.

Sincerely,

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Dogwood Initiative
Greenpeace Canada
Équiterre
Solidarité Gaspésie
Council of Canadians - Le Conseil des Canadiens
Sierra Club BC
Canadian Health Association for Sustainability and Equity (CHASE)
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La Planète s'invite au parlement-Gaspé
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