

# ALBERTA RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE

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## OPEN LETTER TO PARTY LEADERS

April 26, 2015

Re: Alberta's Leadership for our Energy Heritage and Children's Environment

Dear Premier Prentice, Dr. Swann, Ms. Notley, Mr. Jean, Mr. Clark and Ms. Keeping

Our Alberta Renewable Energy Alliance (AREA) is an organization based in Calgary and initiated in July 2004 by students at the University of Calgary and members of the community who were fascinated with an emerging energy sector – renewable energy. AREA envisions an Alberta that leads the energy industry into the future by fully developing Alberta's abundant clean, and currently untapped renewable and ecologically sound sources of energy.

On Thursday evening April 23, our members watched the televised debate regarding concerns on the minds of all Albertans during this election period.

We noted that dialogue during the debate centered on energy, the environment, jobs, taxes, healthcare, and education.

The issues of energy and environment are intertwined to such a complex degree that we seek clarity as to how each of you would answer the following three questions:

1. Will you commit to an annual action plan to improve the health of Albertans, and clean our air, by replacing coal power plants with renewable energy installations by 2030? How?
2. How will you progress from a boom and bust hydrocarbon revenue stream to developing a resilient and diversified economy with stable jobs?
3. How will you guarantee that Albertans will be seen on the global stage as responsible stewards of our energy heritage and our children's environment?

As we would like to know your response to our questions prior to the May 5<sup>th</sup> election may we request an answer by April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Respectfully,

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