

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS calling for
THE CREATION OF A LEGISLATED OMBUDSMAN MECHANISM FOR RESPONSIBLE MINING**

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT, many communities in the Global South report that their rights are not respected and that their health and livelihoods are threatened by Canadian mining operations.

THAT, due to a weak mandate, the Office of the Extractive Sector Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Counsellor established in 2009 to resolve conflicts between affected communities and Canadian extractive sector companies outside of Canada has been inadequate in resolving conflicts and has not provided effective remedy to communities.

THAT, we are concerned by the actions of Canadian mining companies operating overseas.

THAT, Canada needs an effective and independent extractive sector ombudsman.

THEREFORE, we call for the creation of a legislated, extractive sector ombudsman mechanism in Canada that would have the capacity to:

1. Receive and investigate complaints, and assess compliance with corporate accountability standards that are based on international labour, environmental and human rights norms;
2. Make public its findings;
3. Recommend remedial actions; and
4. Recommend sanctions by the Government of Canada, such as withholding financial and political support to any company that does not comply with standards.

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