**CORE Advocacy Action, 2021**

**Instructions:** Thank you for raising your voice for justice!

**1 – Personalize the letter, and save**

We have marked some places in yellow that **r**equire your attention. Feel free to modify other parts according to your voice. Save the document. (Please include the CCs that may continue onto page 2 in your letter).

**2 – FIND YOUR MP:** <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

A - Insert the Name and Address of your MP into Sample Letter

B - Insert their email address into the To line of your email.

**3 – Copy these emails into the CC line** of your email (you may have to replace commas with semicolons depending on the system you are using).

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**4 – Format your email**

A - Attach the saved, personalized letter to your email.

B – Personalize the email. Sample:

To the Honourable NAME, Member of Parliament, RIDING

(Insert greeting of your choosing). Please find attached my letter regarding my concerns on the effectiveness of the office of the Canadian Ombudsman for Responsible Enterprise (CORE). I would be pleased to meet with you in-person, on-line or via phone to discuss this matter in the near future.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,

 YOUR NAME

ADDRESS
PHONE

EMAIL

**5 – Send.**
Thank you for using your voice to support vulnerable communities affected by Canadian companies.

**6 – Please keep us up to date!**  Let us know if you receive a response, if you schedule a meeting, and if we can support you in any way moving forward. Via your animator or advocacy@devp.org.

DATE:

Ref: The Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE)

The Honourable INSERT YOUR MP’S NAME HERE, M.P.

(If a Cabinet minister, include ‘Minister of \_\_\_\_ here)

House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Ms/Mr/Minister SURNAME OF YOUR MP

As one of your constituents, I am writing to you to express my disappointment in the Liberal government’s betrayal of its promise to empower the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE).

I recently saw a report on Global News that indicated that the government willingly ignored the recommendations of an external legal review that clearly stated the need for the CORE to be independent and have the powers to compel documents and evidence. Only in this way, will the CORE be truly effective at addressing human and environmental rights abuses occurring in communities overseas where Canadian extractive companies operate. In absence of this framework, the process will place undue burden on already vulnerable communities.

I am a long-time member of the organization **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** and have learned over the years how communities in the Global South, such as in the Philippines, Honduras and Peru, often experience violence, pollution and displacement when mining operations are launched on their territories. Often, their free, prior and informed consent is not respected or obtained, and they do not reap any benefits from the wealth generated from these operations. Communities have been waiting close to two decades for Canada to acknowledge that their rights and dignity matter, that their lives mean more than markets and profits.

I believe that if Canada is to truly live up to its reputation as a defender and global leader in human rights than it must offer these communities real access to justice. You can help overturn this injustice by urging the government to follow through with the promise it made / following through on the promise your government made when the CORE was created in 2018 to provide the office with the independence and powers necessary to properly investigate complaints.

At your availability, I would like to meet with you to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

YOUR NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL

CC:

Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Karina Gould, Minister of International Development,

Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade,

Hon. Garnett Genius, MP for

Hon. Heather McPherson, MP for

Hon. Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe, MP

Hon. Elizabeth May, MP

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