

# PARLIAMENTARY REPORT



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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY

### **We need strong leadership on the environment.**

- We must clean up Canada's rivers and lakes.
- We must work with the provinces to reduce pollution.
- We must restore Canada's global leadership in environmental issues, at a time when it is more urgently needed than ever.

### **We need green jobs.**

- We must recognize that the green economy presents us with huge economic opportunities.
- We must ensure that Canada is in the best possible position to seize those

opportunities and put people back to work.

- We must seek out and support new ideas that will create new jobs.

### **We need to work with industry .**

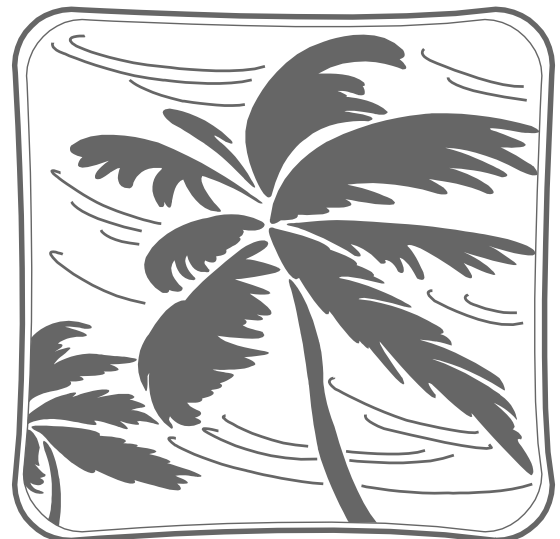
- We must build a twenty-first century Canadian economy.
- We must harness the innovative spirit of Canadians to end our costly dependence on fossil fuels.

### **We need to help families save on their energy and food bills.**

- We must develop and produce green technologies and alternative energy sources.

**“We must find a way to reconcile environmental sustainability with economic progress. We can't go on pretending that climate change is not happening. From cyclones slamming into Burma and the desertification of Darfur, to the melting of our own Arctic ice cap, climate change is accelerating, with consequences for food prices, water supply, crop growing conditions, air quality and energy costs.”**

*Michael Ignatieff,  
Leader of the Official Opposition*



## MICHAEL IGNATIEFF - A LEADER FOR OUR TIMES

Michael Ignatieff is an author, journalist, scholar and skilled parliamentarian. He was elected as their MP by the people of Etobicoke-Lakeshore in 2006, re-elected in 2008 and unanimously chosen by his colleagues and a cross-section of men and women across Canada as leader of the Liberals in the House of Commons.

### **TORONTO ROOTS**

Growing up, Michael studied at the University of Toronto, just a short distance from where he and his family still live. After continuing his studies at Oxford and Harvard, he returned to Canada to teach history at UBC in Vancouver. He has also taught at Cambridge, l'école des Haut Études in Paris, and Harvard.

### **REPRESENTING CANADA ABROAD**

He is one of Canada's leading voices on the world stage in the field of human rights, democracy and international affairs. He contributed to the World Economic Forum and served on several international commissions considering the future of NATO, citizenship and minority rights. In 2001, Michael was appointed as a Canadian Commissioner on the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, an effort

to help guide a UN response to crises such as Kosovo, Rwanda and Darfur.

### **A MANY-FACETED CAREER**

His wide-ranging career includes broadcasting, hosting programs on the CBC, TVO and the BBC. He has written 16 books, many in the area of his passionate concern for human rights and freedoms.

### **ON THE POLITICAL SCENE**

Ignatieff has been a member of the Liberal Party for forty years, starting out by knocking on doors for Lester B. Pearson in 1965 and serving as a delegate and National Youth Coordinator for Pierre Trudeau in 1968. The values he learned at the side of such towering figures as Pearson and Trudeau have

**"I am proud to call Michael Ignatieff a friend and colleague. Canada is well served when men and women of his stature offer themselves in the governance of our country."**

*John McKay*

followed him through his career, inspiring his writing, teaching and decades-long commitment to public policy.

### **PREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGES**

This is a man whose whole life has prepared him for the great challenges facing Canada today. He brings a world view, a formidable intellect and the ability to build a team of colleagues who will work together, using each one's gifts in all the vital areas of legislation our country needs.

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