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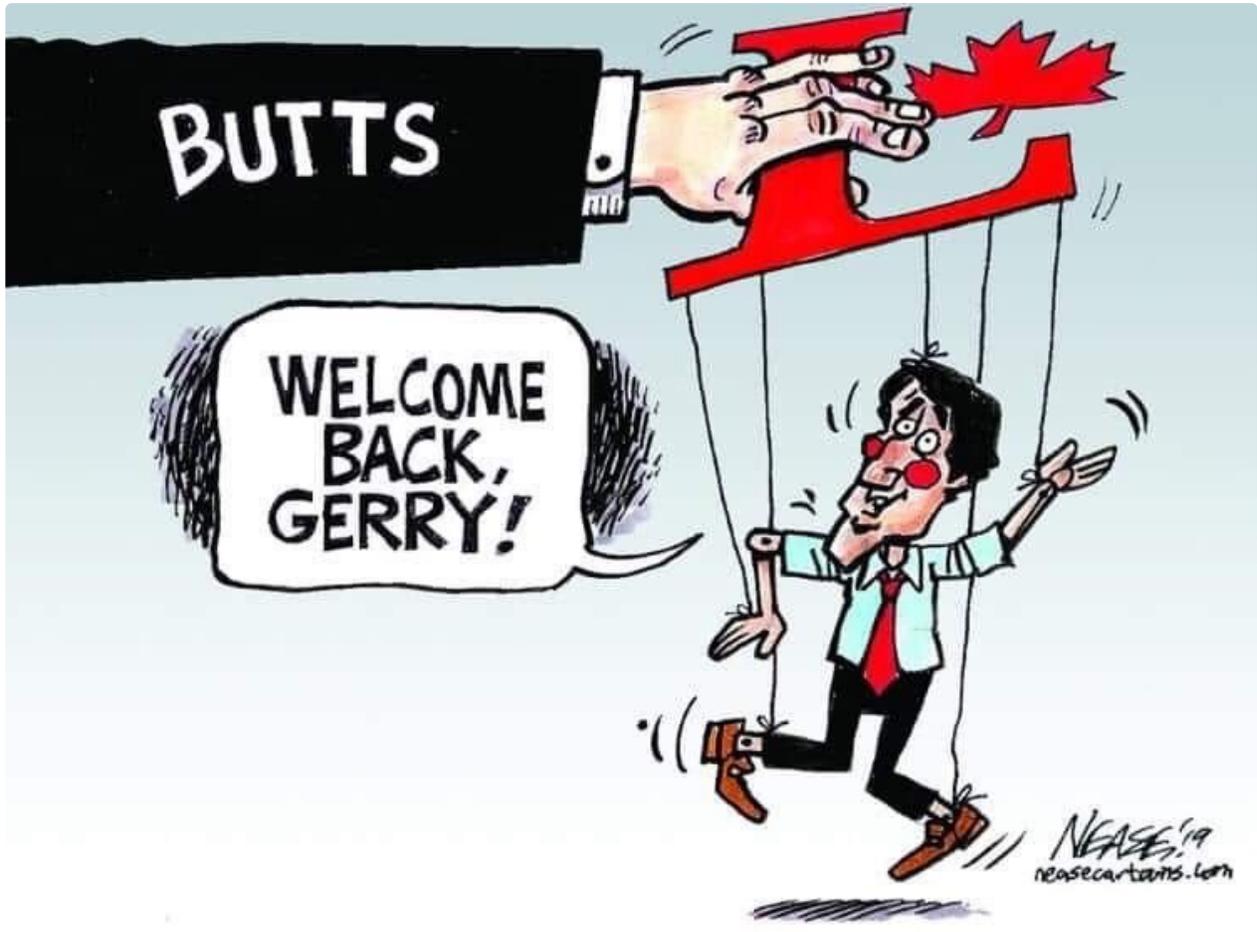
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**THE TASK FORCE FOR RESILIENT RECOVERY AND THE RETURN OF
THE GREEN ENERGY ACT!**

Back in May, **Canadians for Affordable Energy** published a blog regarding the **public return** (he never really left privately) of **Gerald Butts** to Ottawa as part of the **Task Force for a Resilient Recovery**. [Click here for website](#)

Last week, the Task Force came out with its **preliminary report** - and advised that a final report will come sometime in the fall.

The newly released report is made up of '**5 Bold Moves for a Resilient Recovery**'. These "bold moves" are exactly what you would expect from **green ideologues like Butts** and his pals.

In fact, many of the recommendations bear a **striking resemblance to similar 'bold moves' made by the Green Energy Act of Ontario back in 2009**. Butts was a key driver of that **disaster of a green dream** (which resulted in **energy bills increasing by 70% from 2008-2016**) as was **Bruce Lourie** - another member of the Task Force.

Let's take a look at some of the **ominous similarities**:

The **Green Energy Act (GEA)** promised to prioritize green energy in the Ontario power grid. It indeed did just that, and **Ontarians are still paying the price**. The GEA designated access to transmission and distribution systems to renewable energy sources despite these sources being inconsistent in meeting the needs of consumers.

When there was **too much solar energy or wind power** and nowhere for it to be stored, we sold that energy at a discounted price. Thus, Ontario residents were not only **massively subsidizing the generation of green energy** in the first place - they **then paid an additional subsidy to other jurisdictions, such as Michigan**, to take the energy created "off our hands". The price tag appeared on energy bills as a tax called the **Global Adjustment Fee**.

Specifically, back in **2016**, Ontarians who were paying **\$100 in energy usage were actually paying \$23 dollars for energy and \$77 dollars in the Global Adjustment Fee** - the hidden tax used to pay for the green energy and associated mess-ups.

One **recommendation in the Task Force's Report** ('Go big on growing

Canada's clean energy sectors) bears striking resemblance to the Green Energy Act. This recommendation advocates for the acceleration of "investment" (another word for subsidy) in a **renewable power grid so Canada can be powered by "clean electricity"**. Ontario's Green Energy Act's "investment" in renewables **ballooned costs on energy bills**.

These plans only ever result in **dramatically higher costs**, which are then passed down **to the consumer**. Prioritizing 'clean' energy is always **expensive** - as Ontario has demonstrated. **Pretty soon all of Canada - not just Ontario- can pay the Global Adjustment Fee to fund this green agenda.**

Here's **another ominous similarity** between the Green Energy Act and Resilient Recovery's recommendations: the former **promised Ontarians 50,000 "green jobs"**. What the Ontario Liberal government failed to mention was that **most of these jobs were temporary** and the number did not account for **jobs lost due to high energy prices**. Even then, hardly any materialized, and those that did were on the back of **public subsidies**. So much for a new green workforce!

The Task Force for Resilient Recovery is also **peddling** the promise of a future of green jobs. Though the numbers are not specific yet, another recommendation from their Report (to 'Invest in Climate Resilient and Energy Efficient Buildings') includes **promises** of the creation of a building retrofit market that will "sustain jobs". But **Ontario's Green Energy Act resulted in lost jobs due to high costs**.

Government sponsored green and renewable energy **only create more debt and higher costs for consumers** - jobs will inevitably be lost through these efforts as prices rise.

The recovery recommended by the Task Force has a current price tag of \$49.9 billion over 5 years (although there are caveats to allow for **more spending** along the way). The Green Energy Act was estimated by the Auditor General to have **cost the province of Ontario \$170 billion** over 30 years. Don't these industry leaders and activists have any **sense of the costs Canadians are facing**? Has the task force already forgotten Canada's debt count of a **trillion dollars**?

Ontario residents are still paying for the Green Energy Act today. If Trudeau takes the recommendations of Resilient Recovery, all Canadians will be paying for a bigger mess for many years to come. This task force makes resilient a bad word. They should be the task force for a ridiculous recovery.

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Dan is an 18 year veteran of the House of Commons and is widely known in both official languages for his tireless work on energy pricing and saving Canadians money through accurate price forecasts. His Parliamentary initiatives, aimed at helping Canadians cope with affordable energy costs, led to providing Canadians heating fuel rebates on at least two occasions.

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: Ted Morton has nailed it once more. The theft of dollars out of Alberta is now costing us dearly and unless we take a rational approach to challenging the theft and corruption, we are becoming part of it. Complicity is as bad as being the initiator. To-date, our elected leadership have not taken the hard-nosed negotiating stand that is necessary to even begin the debate, and we should have taken some action a long time ago, like cutting off oil and gas exports for a 3 week time period, just to get some external understanding. In the meantime, we are getting poorer, but not wiser.

2. From a Reader: I just wanted to offer up the comment that the \$20ish billion the Feds are finally "giving" back to Alberta, as per the Trevor Tombe article referred to by Ted Morton, is only part of the story. Since all of this money was actually just borrowed (albeit by a multi step process) by the Feds, and Alberta has, in essence, their proportionate responsibility for the debt, I don't see it as Alberta finally getting more out on an annual basis than they paid in. Further, I think it is a valid argument that Alberta's proportionate amount of the yearly federal deficit should be considered in deciding just how much, on a net basis, Alberta has actually contributed over the years. My thinking is where is Alberta's share of this borrowed money? The answer is that it has been shifted somewhere else and so that is another contribution by Alberta.

3. From a Reader: I really like Action Alberta newsletter #140, although it raises my ire & blood pressure both at the same time. Still, it's important that these discussions be held and that we take action to address the egregious inequity in how various provinces are treated. I have come to the conclusion that under Jason Kenney Alberta is doomed to suffer the same fate and treatment as it has for the past decades. Kenney, while seemingly an oil & gas industry booster, is apparently determined to not even broach the subject of Alberta independence, which in turn dooms us to perpetual servitude. I have come to the conclusion that a person cannot be pro-Canada and pro-Alberta at the same time, at least as Canada is currently configured. Canada, as it exists, is designed to simply syphon money out of Alberta and buy votes in Quebec, and any economic hardship imposed on Albertans is just seen as "the cost of doing business".

4. From a Reader: I don't think we should waste any time fooling around with federal politics. Alberta, and the west combined, simply don't have the power and votes to effect any change unless the central provinces benevolently allow any such changes to occur. As they have a significant financial interest in not doing so they never will. And as long as we continue to pledge our allegiance to this broken, corrupt, inequitable system we will never get ahead or even earn for ourselves the right to chart our own course and determine our own future. I think that promoting a harder line party could potentially split the vote and allow another NDP government, which would be disastrous. I think we should be planning on staying with a UCP government but we need to force a leadership review and try to get a much harder line Premier in at the head of the party. I don't know who this individual might be, but think that the first job for those of us who are Albertans is to start to identify this person, and start to encourage them to challenge Jason Kenney for the leadership. We need somebody who is unconcerned with observing the political niceties, is unabashedly pro-Alberta and is not afraid to put separation on the table and negotiate with that in mind. And, most important, on the minds of those from central Canada. I really think that if more Albertans were made aware of the policies that are in place and have been for many years, they would truly be outraged and the movement would gain speed. This new individual needs to get the word out and start making this known. If we as Albertans don't charge of our own self interests and destiny nobody else will do it for us.

5. From a Reader: For those of you who enjoy Action Alberta as much as I do, I humbly suggest that you consider a subscription to Blacklock's Reporter

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ADDITIONAL READING/ VIEWING

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. TRUDEAU PLANNING SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM OVERHAUL

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2. TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT PAYS \$84M TO FIRM EMPLOYING KATIE TELFORD'S HUSBAND TO MANAGE RENT ASSISTANCE AID PROGRAM

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3. STEPHEN LEDREW: HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING WASTED BY THE TRUDEAU LIBERALS DURING COVID-19? [Click here](#)

4. A MUST READ: THE CLIMATE CHANGE INDUSTRY IS FOUNDED ON COMPLETE LIES [Click here](#)

5. TRUDEAU GOV'T GAVE \$20 MILLION TO COMPANY THAT PAID LIBERAL MINISTER [Click here](#)

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Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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