

Just 27% of Ontario residents support Ford's carbon pricing court challenge, 64% oppose anti carbon pricing ad campaign

Toronto, April 15th, 2019 - New research released today from Canadians for Clean Prosperity shows that **only about a quarter of Ontario residents support Premier Doug Ford's decision to challenge the federal government's price on carbon in court, while 48% oppose the move, and 24% are unsure.**

Ontarians are even more strongly opposed to the province's decision to spend provincial tax dollars running ads opposing carbon pricing. **64% of Ontarians are opposed to the provincial government's planned ad campaign, while just 20% of respondents supported the move.**

Ontarians are evenly split as to which level of government should have the final say on climate policy, with 52% saying it should be the provinces and 48% the federal government. However, **by a margin of 50% to 38%, Ontarians accepted or supported the federal decision to implement a carbon price** in provinces that failed to bring in a system of their own.

Carbon pricing itself has a plurality of support, **with half of Ontarians (50%) accepting or supporting the federal government's decision to implement a carbon pricing system, and 32% opposing it.** However, understanding of how the revenue will be used is low. **Only 37% are aware that most of the money will be rebated to households** under the federal government's plan. Among those who oppose the plan, **55% switch their position to support or accept once they learn about the rebate.**

"It's clear that very few Ontarians support Premier Ford's legal challenge of the federal carbon price, and even fewer agree with his decision to use provincial tax dollars to attack the policy." **said Michael Bernstein, Senior Vice President for Policy & Strategy at Clean Prosperity.** "Pricing carbon pollution reduces emissions and it leaves Ontarians financially better off too. Eight in 10 households in Ontario will get back more than they pay, but Premier Ford is spending \$30 million of taxpayers' money to take away these rebates."

Methodology: The survey was conducted by Loewen Lab at the University of Toronto. The survey sampled 1025 respondents in Ontario. Respondents were provided by Qualtrics and the survey was hosted on the Qualtrics platform. Sample was drawn with quotas for age and gender. The data are further weighted with iterative proportional fitting on census data for age, gender, homeownership, and immigration status. The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 3%. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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