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**LIBERALS PUT POLITICS AHEAD OF
REAL ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

OTTAWA- Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, says it's disgusting that the Liberals and Bloc MPs have decided to put politics ahead of real action on the environment by agreeing to drag out committee hearings on Canada's Clean Air Act for another two months.

"This means that the new Clean Air legislation cannot pass before the next federal budget. If these parties were serious about this issue, they would have doubled their efforts and had the legislation ready so that changes could be budgeted for and implemented," said Thompson.

"Canadians want real action on the environment, not more Liberal obstructionism. I personally think that the Liberals can't run the risk of this legislation passing any time soon, since this would destroy the "green image" that Stephane Dion has decided to try and sell Canadians," stated Thompson.

"Everyone knows that the Liberals had 13 years to take action on this issue but didn't get the job done. As a result greenhouse gas emissions have increased by 27% which is 35% above Canada's Kyoto targets," said Thompson.

"All we can do in the meantime is continue to take practical action to clean up our country's air, land and water by:

-Developing a bio-fuels plan that will ensure gasoline contains 5% renewable fuels by 2010, and that diesel fuel and heating oil contain 2% renewable fuels by 2012.

-Investing \$2 billion in three new ecoEnergy initiatives to help Canadians use energy more efficiently, boost renewable energy supplies and develop cleaner energy technologies.

-Exempting donations of ecologically-sensitive land from Capital Gains Tax.

"These are just a couple of examples of what Canada's New Government is doing to clean up the environment for all of us, while the Liberals continue to put politics ahead of real action," concluded Thompson.

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