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Standing Committee on Crown and
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Stacey Ursulescu, Room 7, 2405 Legislative
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Dear Stacey,

Re-energy needs of our province and
our country.

As an 86 year old mother of seven, grand-
mother of ten and great grandmother of one,
I have always been very concerned about
the environment of our province, our country
and our world. Our western world has
over-pillaged our earth's resources for too
long and that has to be stopped. How many
weather catastrophes and other catastrophes
have to occur before we realize that it will
soon be too late?

Why would Saskatchewan want to produce
more of the dangerous uranium products when
this week we learned of Iran building atomic
bombs? Most world governments got scared!!
We are also talking of accepting the leftovers
from the uranium supplied power stations which
lasts for thousands of years. There is no proof
it can be hidden safely. We should not be
mining uranium in the first place.

Re our renewable power sources, some
people speak of the wind turbines as unsightly.
I don't remember anyone complaining about the
wooden windmills making electric energy on the

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farms for all those years. These combined with all the huge wooden elevators, lots of farms and towns, our western province was full of life and energy and hardworking, proud people.

I realize that there are high costs associated with all power sources but solar, wind and hydro keep replacing themselves, don't they?

Why can't we harness our winds, our solar supply, (the sun shines a lot in winter, too) our rivers, lakes and waterfalls all over the north?

The hydro projects could be smaller but more of them to cover and service more areas so they would not create too many environmental problems or not any problems.

I realize that all projects cost millions \$ but doesn't it benefit all in a healthier, safer environment? We will all have to pay no matter which path we choose. Our coal and oil resources will run out and then what do we do? Will we drill more under the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic and under the oceans and create more problems?

Why not harness the neverending sunshine and winds that blow and the water tumbling over the rocks?

Many workers worry about job losses but jobs based on non-renewable resources will come to an end. What about environmentally good jobs for the future.

How much energy, power and water is used to clean or partly clean all that poisonous smoke billowing out of coal and oil fueled projects? At what cost? This is a very serious problem, eh? Thanks for all your hard work.

Yours sincerely,
Marion E. Tolley Oct. 3/0