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DISTRACTIONS WHILE DRIVING

You have probably heard recently, that legislation has been passed that will target drivers using cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. We all know that distractions are a dangerous combination and common part of driving on today's congested roadways. Any way to lessen the number of distractions faced daily would greatly help one to focus on the task at hand, and get on with their day. At the Georgetown Hearing Clinic, we do not condone the use of cell phones while driving, but when absolutely necessary, a hands free device, such as a speaker phone, Onstar™ or a bluetooth connected earpiece can be very useful and help reduce distraction - not to mention allow the driver the use of both hands.

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Wellington-Halton Hills residents protest Kinder Morgan buyout

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Wellington-Halton Hills protesters stood outside MP Michael Chong's office today, clad in red, urging him to stand with them in taking action against climate change.

The group met on June 4 in Fergus, Ont., to read aloud a letter they will be presenting to Chong in an effort to gain his assistance in their peaceful protest against the federal Liberals' May 29 decision to buy the Trans Mountain pipeline for \$4.5 billion.

"Today we are coming together to make sure that MPs from every party know that Canadians are outraged at the buyout of Kinder Morgan," said Erin resident Liz Armstrong, of Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada.

"We all know that, from all of the science, we have to stop bringing oil, especially bitu-

men, out of the tarsands if we are going to meet our promise made in Paris in 2015 to work with the world to reduce the risk of climate change."

Armstrong earlier expressed her concern in a news release, saying Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is irresponsibly using billions of taxpayer dollars that could be going toward schools, hospitals, First Nations communities and supporting renewable energy initiatives and jobs nationwide.

"Even people who don't pay much attention to politics will say that's a big waste of money. We really need to be thinking towards the future," she added.

The two-page letter mentions Chong's previous stance on climate change and carbon pricing, and asks him to be an ally.

"We appreciate your help in persuading your federal colleagues to have the gumption to lead the world in climate action

so our kids and grandchildren will have a livable future," the letter concludes.

Chong told the Independent in a statement that he is opposed to the Liberals' decision, which he says is costing taxpayers billions of dollars that could have been spent fixing congested roads, bridges and transit systems.

Chong added that the purchase price also does not include the construction cost of the new pipeline.

"The Liberal government not only mismanaged the regulatory process for the Trans Mountain pipeline, they vetoed the approved Northern Gateway pipeline and killed the Energy East pipeline with last minute rule changes and a regulatory

standard that does not apply to any other sector of the Canadian economy," Chong said.

"Their decisions have damaged investor confidence and forced companies to reconsider future projects. This has resulted in the loss of thousands of private sector jobs and billions in private sector investment."

He added: "Climate change is one of the great challenges of our times. But the right way to reduce emissions is to properly price carbon, use the revenues to cut income taxes and let the free markets and the private sector do the rest."

The Fergus protest was one of dozens taking place across Canada as part of a national day of action to stop the Kinder Morgan buyout.

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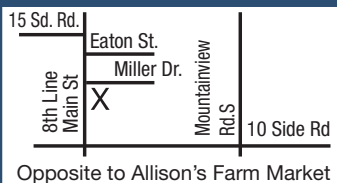
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