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DESPAIR – Do you recognize that that is what your investment policy is inducing in the very people it is supposed to serve?

I am one of your pensioners, and I am deeply upset. This wonderful, life-giving world I have known all my life is vanishing because of chemical pollution of the air by greenhouse gases and of land and water by fertilizers and pesticides produced by the very companies you insist on investing our pensions in. Yes, I am talking about climate change and biodiversity loss. And it is driving many of my friends to despair, depression, even early death, due to worry for the future of their children and grandchildren, for life itself.

The scientific consensus is that we are rapidly running out of time, perhaps as little as seven years remain in which to change our economy to an environmentally sustainable, low carbon one. Your strategy of continuing to invest in the fossil fuel and petrochemical industries – of ‘inside persuasion’ - has had a thirty-year trial. It has failed. Those industries continue to grow and pollute our world with increasingly devastating impacts. What is more, economically viable alternatives exist. They just need massive investment from pension funds like the + \$500 Billion CPP you control.

Most of you are still too young to fully realize the profound human tragedy of living off poison fruit of our own creation. But you will join us soon – and know both guilt and despair for your hand in perpetuating its continued growth.

I beg of you - stop the greenwashing - see that your decisions are not compatible Canada’s climate goals for 2030 let alone 2050 and that you have it within your considerable asset allocation power to be part of the solution.

For our grandchildren.

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