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Dear Mayor Corrigan and Council members,

I am writing to you today as representative of the student organization, #FaceTheChange. This is a student led initiative launched at SFU as part of the "Our Horizon" campaign that has been gaining support all across Canada. The campaign aims to ask our municipal governments to take a leadership role in climate action by using their licensing powers to add climate change warning labels to all gas pump nozzles at gasoline retail stations within our cities. Our goal for our presentation is to convince Burnaby City Council to vote in favour of adding warning labels to gas pump nozzles at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) in September 2015 and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conferences in June 2016.

We believe the warning labels on gas pumps help raise awareness of the impacts of climate change while connecting the action of using gasoline to its consequences. The presence of the labels on the gas pumps also serves to raise awareness of consumer responsibility for the effects of climate change and create a space for citizens to demand for alternatives while disrupting the status quo. This is how we want to create a shift in demand away from fossil fuels.

Several members of the SFU faculty have already endorsed this movement. Externally, this idea has also been endorsed by organizations such as the David Suzuki Foundation and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and we hope Burnaby City Council will join the coalition of support and consider and voting it into law.

Sincerely,

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