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CITIZENS GET VOCAL FOR CLIMATE ACTION – 9 am at Queen’s Park

One week after record flooding endangered people and closed beaches across Toronto, members of ClimateFast will be at Queen’s Park Tuesday morning, August 14 to call for provincial accountability and action on climate change.

ClimateFast members and youth speakers will bring their message with photos demonstrating the extreme weather already resulting from climate inaction, along with their banner for VOCAL: **Voices of Ontarians for Carbon Accountability and Leadership**. They’ll be at Queen’s Park between 9 and 10 am.

“The costs of inaction on climate are enormous, in the billions of dollars. This government is dismantling an existing program of action, cap and trade, with no timeline, targets, or specific programs to address the crisis. The forests are burning, Ontarians face extreme weather as a result of climate inaction, yet this government is doing nothing,” said Rosemary Boissonneau, Co-Chair of ClimateFast.

“We are demanding accountability from this government. They have said they will act on climate change, but they’re withholding \$100 million in cap and trade revenue earmarked for energy saving measures in our schools, and cutting \$52 million from the City of Toronto TransformTO program,” said Lyn Adamson Co-Chair of ClimateFast. “We have been working with the City for several years to support these programs, and we need them to achieve our target of an 80% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050. We are calling for climate leadership – not climate laggardship.”

“Flooding is a huge threat here in Toronto, and even more so in my home country of Bangladesh,” said ClimateFast member Dewan Afzal. “I am fasting as I am so distressed by a lack of action that will result in people drowning and massive numbers of climate refugees.” There will be youth speakers.

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