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## Draft blog material

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Date: October 22, 2010 12:55:29 PM

To: Mr. Drummond Pike, Mr. Joel Solomon, Mr. Ross McMillan,

As you know, I am concerned about your campaign against Alberta oil. In view of your thoroughgoing unresponsiveness, I have started a blog as a way to voice my questions and concerns.

Below, please find a draft of the material that I will begin to post. If you find anything here that is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important points, please let me know.

As before, I can be reached at 604.618.8110 or by e-mail.

Sincerely,  
Vivian Krause

### **Why its fair to inquire about the revenue and expenditures of Tides U.S. and Tides Canada:**

The Tides Foundation, based in San Francisco, is a registered charity and is a major source of funds for environmental organizations that campaign to "reform" Canada's resource-based industries: forestry, mining, oil and gas, fisheries, aquaculture, and so on. For example, the Tides Foundation and its Canadian counter-part, Tides Canada, are funding at least **36 organizations** that campaign against Alberta oil. Tides isn't the only source of funding for these campaigns, but as it appears, it is one of the main conduits of funds.

On the surface, the campaign against Alberta oil is about the impact of industry on the environment, and that's fair game. But there's more to it than that.

Tides Canada, a registered Canadian charity, is heavily supported by a handful of huge, American foundations based primarily near San Francisco, in California. These foundations are the Hewlett Foundation, the Packard Foundation, the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Pew Charitable Trusts. These are the "Big Five," the key foundations that fund Tides and are core sources of funding for the environmental movement. These Big Five foundations have \$US 21 Billion in assets and give away about **\$1.2 billion** every year. If they decide to thwart an industry or the economy of a foreign country, they probably can. Since 2000, Tides Canada has been granted at nearly **\$57 Million** by U.S. foundations .

Tides Canada Foundation **says** that it is Canada's "first and only national public foundation focused on the environment and social justice" and that it has funded **hundreds** of organizations. This is really important work. A lot of people are probably trusting that Tides Canada does what it says. The Endswell Foundation, a Tides-affiliated charity, **says** that it has been the largest, private foundation funding environmental issues in British Columbia. Considering their importance to Canada, and especially in British Columbia, its fair to inquire about these organizations and how they're funded.

Begin forwarded message:

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Dear Sirs,

As you know, I am concerned about some of the programs that are funded by your organizations, and I have tried to ask you a series of questions.

I feel that my questions are fair and that your refusal to respond is unfair. I have started to post my analysis of grants made by Tides and other information, at a blog: [http://fairquestions.typepad.com/rethink\\_campaigns/](http://fairquestions.typepad.com/rethink_campaigns/)

You are most welcome to comment.

Sincerely,  
Vivian Krause