

2017: Looking Back at a Year of Action

Tens of thousands of people have signed the Council of Canadians Nestlé boycott pledge – have you?

There are many ways your contributions as a Council of Canadians supporter helped to drive tangible progress and achieve concrete results in 2017.

The Council of Canadians' strength comes from the ground up. Ordinary people like you in communities across Canada coming together with courage and conviction in pursuit of the better Canada and fairer world we know are possible. Volunteers in 60 chapters across the country put our campaigns and other local issues of concern into action, speaking out for social justice, fairness and equality.

Here are some of the ways – big and small – that you were a force for good in communities across the country and beyond in 2017:

Saying no to Nestlé

Council of Canadians supporters stood up to Nestlé, the world's largest bottled water company. In response to Nestlé's outrageous bottled water grabs in Ontario and B.C., more than 60,000 people across Canada have now joined the Council's Boycott Nestlé campaign – with more people joining the fight every day.

Negotiating a new NAFTA

The Council of Canadians has been a strong voice in the people's call for a better North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). As renegotiations forged ahead, thanks to the support and action of our donors, we have driven people across the country to make more than 35,000 submissions to the public consultations and get their voices officially on the government's record. And our NAFTA campaign has reached more



than 1 million people online, giving them the tools and information they need to join us in pushing our government to make NAFTA a better deal, or walk away.

Energy and health care rallies

You supported front line communities taking on Big Oil. In 2017, we finally saw years of tireless effort pay off with the defeat of the Energy East pipeline. As a result of your efforts and support, we saved 3,000 waterways from disastrous spills and kept millions of tonnes of greenhouse gas pollution out of the air. At the same time, you are helping to push for the green energy alternatives our communities, country and planet need.

Pushing for Pharmacare

You advocated for pharmacare as the prescription to improve the health of all Canadians. As drug prices continue to rise to unaffordable rates, you are helping to push for a national pharmacare program that will ensure everyone has access to medications they need regardless of their ability to pay.

What makes all of this even more impressive is that the Council of Canadians continues to operate with-

out a penny of corporate money or government support.

Our work is made possible by the generosity of like-minded people who believe social, economic and environmental justice is something we must all strive for. With your support, we garnered hundreds of media hits, organized major events in communities across Canada and around the world, held conferences and speaking tours, produced educational factsheets and reports, provided daily updates on our website, by email and on social media, and delivered informative articles in *Canadian Perspectives*.

These remarkable achievements – and much more – were made possible by your financial contributions. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for supporting this work.

As we look ahead to a looming Charter challenge to ensure everyone is able to exercise their right to vote, trade injustices under a bold U.S. President, and the fight to secure clean, protected water and a fossil-fuel-free future, your support is needed more than ever. Together, we will ensure a better Canada – and a better world – for us all.