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## **An opportunity for Minister Lunn, says Briony Penn**

Federal Liberal candidate Briony Penn is urging Saanich-Gulf Islands' MP, Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn to fully reinstate Canada's EnerGuide Program. Her call to action follows the release of the UN Climate Change report that confirms the importance of reducing heat loss from buildings.

The report of the United Nations Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change specifically identifies improvements in the energy efficiency of buildings as one of the key areas in the fight to reduce GHG emissions, she says. Adding that in 2006, Minister Lunn cancelled the national home energy efficiency program.

'It was one of his first decisions as Minister of Natural Resources. After a year of protest from Canadians, Lunn

restored the program, but with only 20% of the previous funding,' she states. 'Retrofitting our homes to save energy is one of the most effective things Canadians can do to fight climate change. The Liberal EnerGuide program committed \$848 million to improve energy use in 400,000 homes.

'Cancelling EnerGuide was a serious error. Canada lost a year in the fight against climate change because Gary Lunn made a rookie mistake. Reinstating EnerGuide with a new name and a much smaller budget does not fix the problem. Lunn must restore the entire program or, better still, improve on the Liberal record.' Penn asked Lunn to 'Show real leadership on climate change, and leave a legacy for your kids, my kids, and kids around the world.' ✍

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