

KAIROS' own research into biofuels (also known as agrofuels), has raised very serious questions about their impact on the world's food supply (see [www.kairoscanada.org/e/resources/policyBriefing9Agrofuel0703.pdf](http://www.kairoscanada.org/e/resources/policyBriefing9Agrofuel0703.pdf) ). Our partners in the global South have also become increasingly alarmed at how the global push for biofuels is impacting on issues such as land use, food sovereignty, and other human rights.

Furthermore, many studies have shown that biofuels' capacity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is minimal at best. When the impact of deforestation is considered, the ecological devastation of agrofuels is possibly even worse than that caused by fossil fuels.

The agofuel industry, aimed largely at supplying fuel for vehicles, is putting food further out of reach of millions of hungry people and has been called a "crime against humanity" by United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Jean Ziegler. (See below for more information).

### Take action

The NDP and Bloc Québécois have both indicated they will vote against Bill C-33 at its third reading. The Liberal caucus is split and will ultimately decide the fate of this bill. Therefore, it is especially important to contact your MP if s/he is from the Liberal Party.

KAIROS asks you to include the following points in a letter, email or phone call to your Member of Parliament:

- The government needs to conduct more in-depth study of the issue of biofuels given recent evidence that:
  - the rush to biofuels is adversely impacting food security for the most vulnerable.
  - among other ecological concerns, expanding land use for biofuels may have a net negative impact on greenhouse gas emissions as forests are cut down to plant biofuel crops
- Instead of controversial biofuels, our government should channel support to proven minimal impact renewable energies such as wind and solar and to energy reduction strategies.

In light of these concerns, MPs should vote no to Bill C-33 when it comes up for third reading.

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