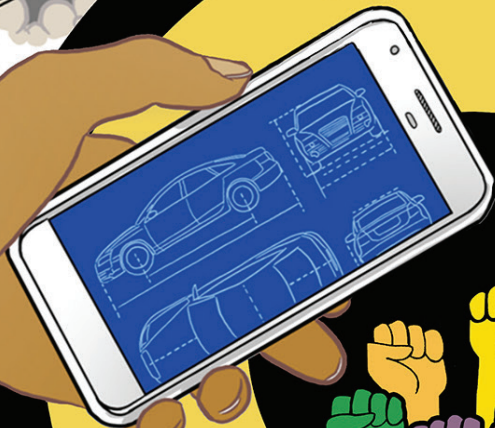


# Recharge for Rights!



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CANADA COMIC BOOK

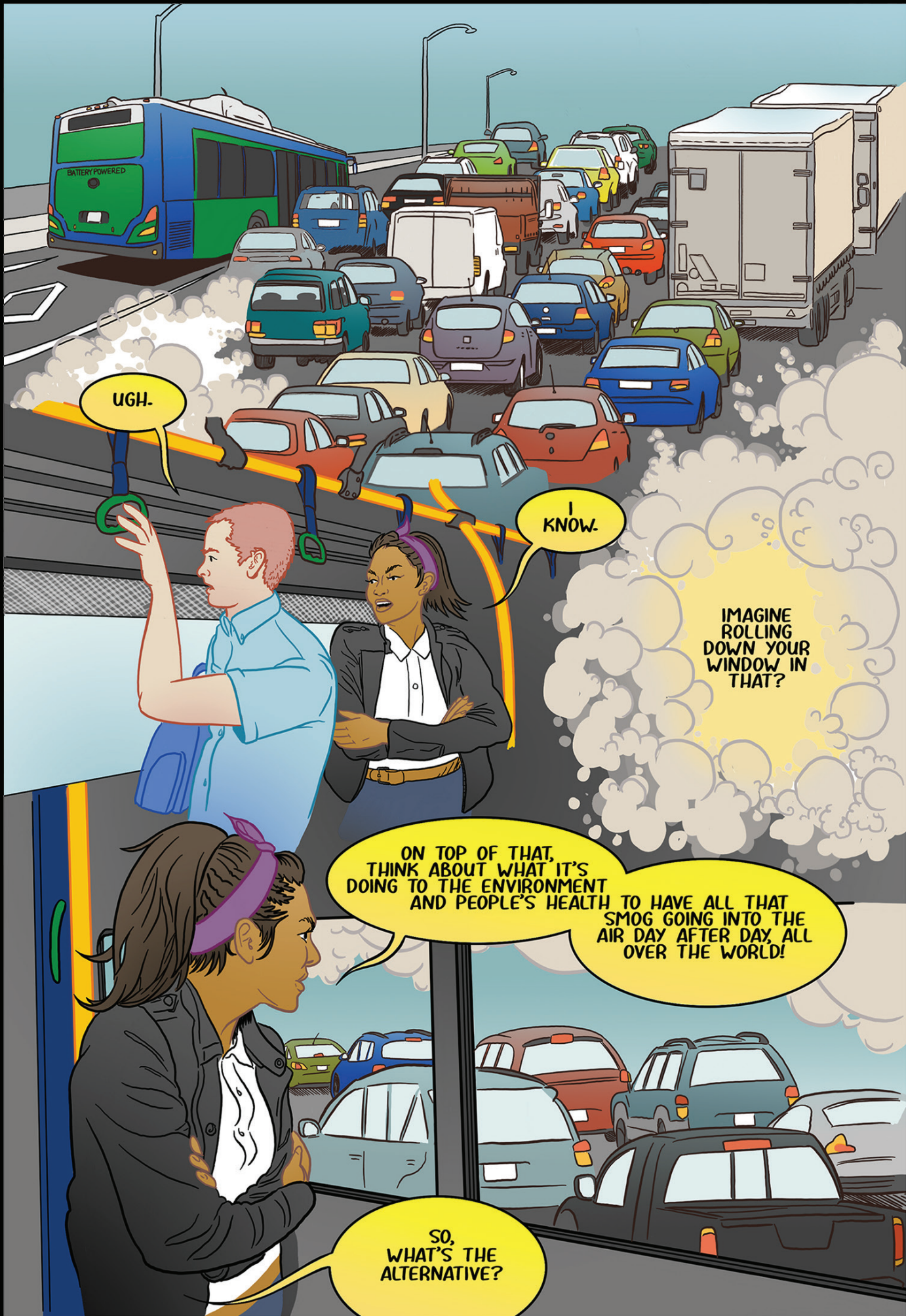
CUIDEMOS LA  
PACHAMAMA

**SHIFTING  
FROM FOSSIL FUELS  
TO RENEWABLE ENERGY  
AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES  
WHILE RESPECTING  
HUMAN RIGHTS**

**SYSTEM CHANGE  
NOT CLIMATE CHANGE!**

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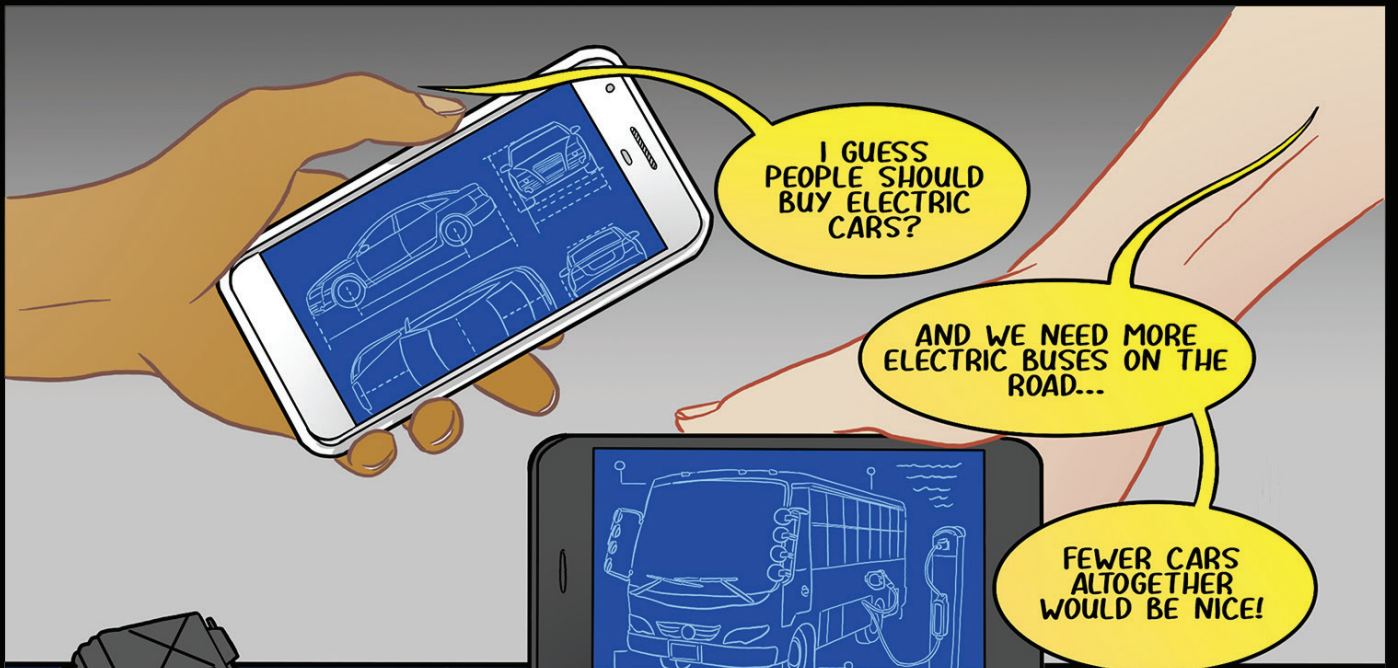
UGH.

I KNOW.

IMAGINE ROLLING DOWN YOUR WINDOW IN THAT?

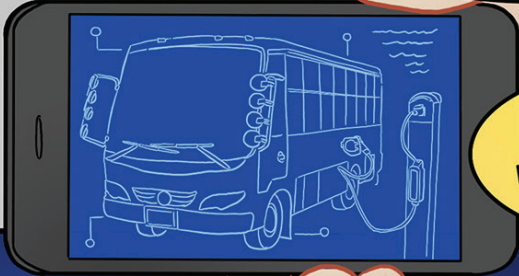
ON TOP OF THAT, THINK ABOUT WHAT IT'S DOING TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE'S HEALTH TO HAVE ALL THAT SMOG GOING INTO THE AIR DAY AFTER DAY, ALL OVER THE WORLD!

SO, WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?



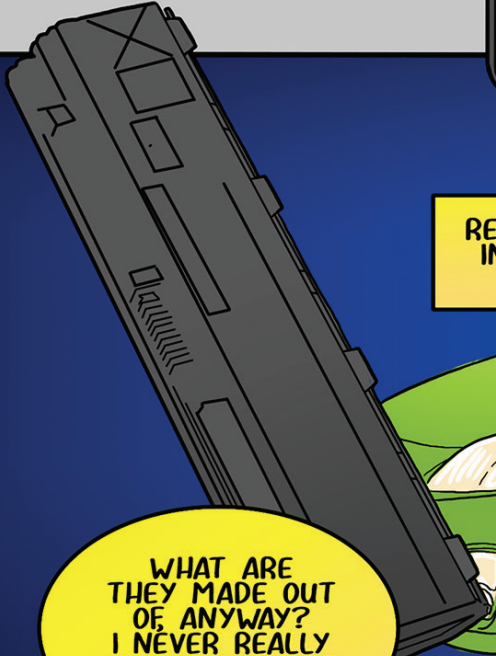
I GUESS PEOPLE SHOULD BUY ELECTRIC CARS?

AND WE NEED MORE ELECTRIC BUSES ON THE ROAD...

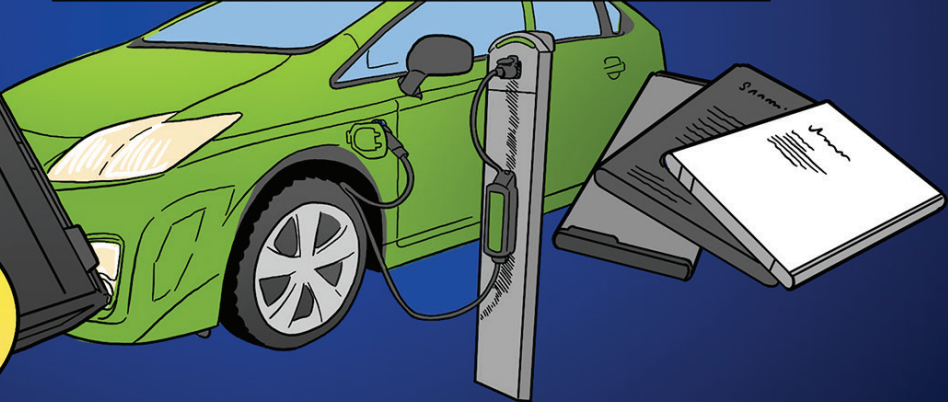


FEWER CARS ALTOGETHER WOULD BE NICE!

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES LIKE THE KIND USED IN ELECTRIC CARS ARE IN SO MANY THINGS, LIKE OUR PHONES, LAPTOPS...



WHAT ARE THEY MADE OUT OF ANYWAY? I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE.



IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF THE MINERALS IN THEM ARE MINED AROUND THE WORLD UNDER SOME PRETTY TERRIBLE CONDITIONS.

MOST OF THE WORLD'S LITHIUM IS FOUND IN THE 'LITHIUM TRIANGLE' IN SOUTH AMERICA, SUCH AS THE BEAUTIFUL AND DELICATE SALT FLATS OF ARGENTINA.

IT'S A LIFE-GIVING PLACE FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHO LIVE THERE.

THEY INSIST ON THEIR RIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT ANY PROJECTS THAT COULD AFFECT THEIR SCARCE WATER RESOURCES AND THE DELICATE ECOSYSTEM.

CUIDEMOS LA PACHAMAMA

THE SALT FLATS ARE VIBRANT, FULL OF LIFE! BUT LARGE-SCALE LITHIUM MINING COULD PUT THEIR WATER AT RISK.

IT'S NOT THAT WE'RE AGAINST PROGRESS OR DEVELOPMENT, LIKE THEY SOMETIMES SAY ABOUT US. DEVELOPMENT SHOULD HAPPEN, BUT IN A HEALTHY AND CONTROLLED WAY FOR OUR MOTHER EARTH, OUR PACHAMAMA.



**COBALT, ANOTHER IMPORTANT MINERAL IN BATTERY PRODUCTION, IS MINED EXTENSIVELY IN THE D.R.C.\***

**MUCH OF IT IS MINED ARTISANALLY, WHICH MEANS MINERS WORK WITHOUT PROPER TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT IN MINING SHAFTS...**

**...PRONE TO COLLAPSE BECAUSE THEY AREN'T PROPERLY REINFORCED.**

**SOME OF THE MINERS ARE CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 8.**

**ONCE MINED, THE COBALT IS PROCESSED USING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS, OFTEN WITHOUT ANY KIND OF PROPER EQUIPMENT TO LIMIT EXPOSURE.**

**THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE COMMUNITIES FORCED COMPANIES TO OWN UP TO CHILD LABOUR IN THEIR SUPPLY CHAINS AND WON SOME CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.**

**\* - DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**




WOW, WHO KNEW THAT GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES  
HAVE BEEN IGNORING THIS FOR SO LONG!




I'M SO UPSET  
ABOUT THIS, I FEEL  
LIKE WE SHOULD DO  
SOMETHING...

IT SAYS HERE THAT IT TOOK ACTIVISTS  
TWO YEARS TO GET BIG TECH AND CAR COMPANIES TO  
EVEN ADMIT THEY WERE USING MINERALS MINED BY KIDS  
IN THE D.R.C.!



IF THERE'S ANYTHING  
I COULD DO TO MAKE BATTERIES MORE  
"ETHICAL"... WHO COULD WE TALK  
TO ABOUT THIS?

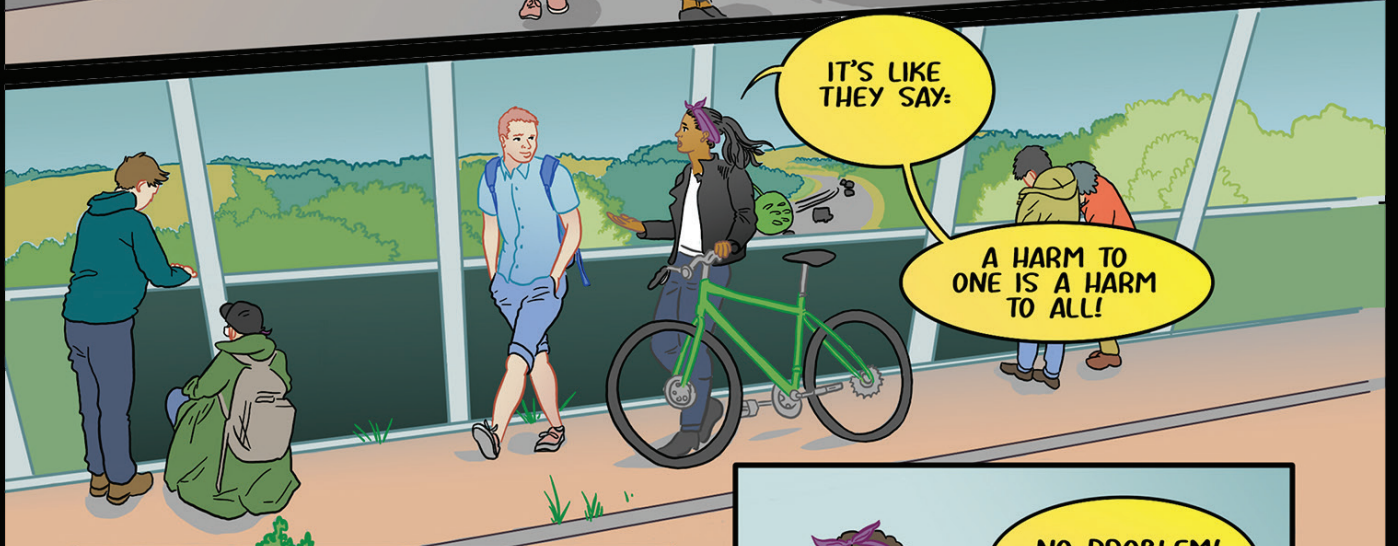
WELL, LET'S TELL  
THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY WE WANT  
ELECTRIC BUSES TO HAVE ETHICAL BATTERIES.  
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE IN ARGENTINA TO LOSE  
THEIR WATER BECAUSE OF US.



EXACTLY.  
WHETHER WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT WHERE  
THE MINERALS COME  
FROM, OR WHERE THEY  
END UP.. WE ALL HAVE  
A RIGHT TO A HEALTHY  
ENVIRONMENT.

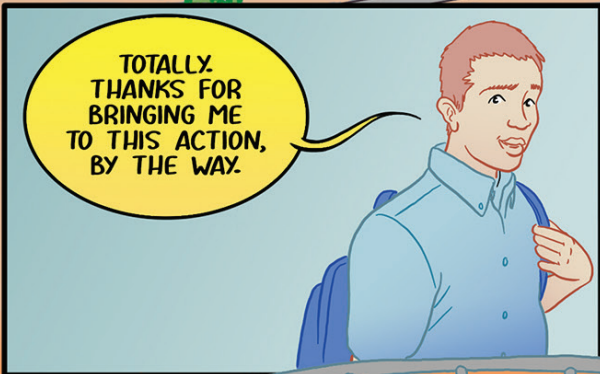


IT'S SUCH A BIG PROBLEM BUT WE EACH HAVE A PART TO PLAY.

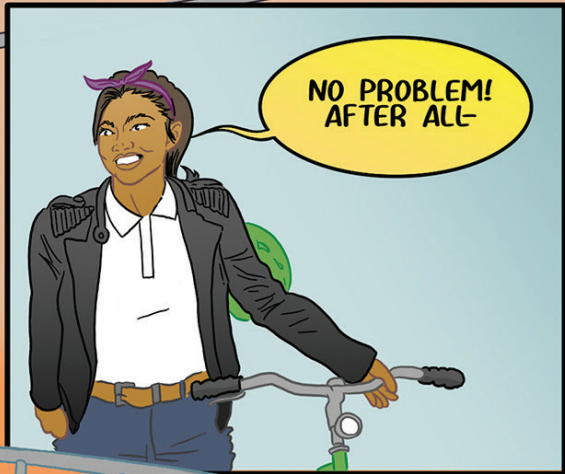


IT'S LIKE THEY SAY-

A HARM TO ONE IS A HARM TO ALL!



TOTALLY. THANKS FOR BRINGING ME TO THIS ACTION, BY THE WAY.



NO PROBLEM! AFTER ALL-



TOGETHER & UNITED, WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE!

**SYSTEM CHANGE NOT CLIMATE CHANGE!**

# JOIN US!

WANT TO  
BE PART OF  
A MOVEMENT FOR  
A JUST ENERGY  
TRANSITION?

WANT TO  
MAKE SURE NO  
ONE IS LEFT BEHIND,  
INCLUDING THE FRONTLINE  
COMMUNITIES WHERE  
BATTERY MINERALS  
ARE MINED?

HERE'S HOW: VISIT OUR WEBPAGE  
[AMNESTY.CA/ENERGYTRANSITION](https://www.amnesty.ca/energytransition)  
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MATERIALS AND TAKE ACTION!



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