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**Subject:** Comments on the Pacific Northwest LNG Project

Hello;

To whom it may concern -

I would like to voice my opinion of support for this project. I am a tax paying Canadian who has been employed in the oil and gas sector for most of my young life directly around Fort St John, in the Montney Shale formation where this development will occur if the project moves forward.

I'd like to articulate a few points that I, as a law abiding and high income tax paying Canadian, would like to be heard.

### **Environmental Risks relating to Climate Change**

To begin with, LNG has been shown to be by far the best option for fossil fuels compared to oil and coal. Greenhouse gas emissions are shown to produce 30% less CO<sub>2</sub> than Oil, and a whopping 45% less CO<sub>2</sub> than coal burning plants.

Currently, China has 363 coal burning plants planned for construction, and India has 455 coal plants planned as well. This will release terrible amounts of emissions, and I think that it's important for Canada to do what it can to assist in the responsible production of a much cleaner product. We are less than a 'blip on the map' globally for emissions, however I as a Canadian do think that it's important for us to do what we can to assist the world as a whole to reduce it's greenhouse gas emissions until us as a species are able to ween off completely from fossil fuel dependence.

Not only is natural gas much less CO<sub>2</sub> emitting, there is a major reduction in Carbon Monoxide as well as particulate matter that has an impact on smog and air quality globally as well.

### **Natural Gas Vs Oil Production**

We also have a major advantage vs oil in that we have much shorter pipeline runs for the product to access global markets. We do not have to cross provincial borders at all and go through the hassle of additional Provincial environmental regulations being added to the process.

Natural gas is the safest product to ship - LNG in general is not water soluble, and will boil off and evaporate if in contact with water, a much different reality than heavy oil (as showcased in the massive BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico)

### **Economics of Western Canada**

Currently, Canada - in particular Western Canada is in dire straights. Many of our families living in this region depend strongly on the oil and gas sector to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table.

Middle and Eastern Canada has for decades enjoyed strong support by way of equalization payments from Western Canada, largely due to the development of natural resources. I myself have paid over \$1,000,000 in taxes over the past decade, much of which I had absolutely no say in where it went or where it was spent. I feel strongly about getting representation for taxation, and without the economic development that LNG can provide to BC, Alberta and Canada, many of the people around me (working class families) will be in serious financial trouble.

Currently, I am ashamed and actually angry with how First Nations seem to have such tremendous pull and strength over natural resource development. I consider myself to be a First Nation member of Canada, I was born here, I had no involvement of how First Nations may have been treated generations ago, and I am upset with the high level of taxes that I as a working class Canadian have to pay and what I see as an uneven playing field with even First Nations locally here in our community.

Why should one Canadian have any more say than another Canadian over natural resource development? I can't wrap my head around that, it makes me feel like a second rate citizen and resentful of the taxes I am asked to pay when my voice isn't as strong or matters as much as others.

### **Canadian Energy Globally**

After companies like PETRONAS spending over \$12B in their LNG efforts in Canada already, it's unfathomable that the Government can make massive changes to a company that has invested this much into a project only to have the goal posts changed on them repeatedly.

Right now the red tape is so massive in Canada for large developments that I don't blame companies for wanting to steer clear of Canadian developments as we as a Country cannot seem to get to any major decision with partisan politics leading the day.

The USA has just completed construction on their first LNG exporting terminal (Cheniere Energy), and now they are participating in assisting to supply the world with the cleanest source of energy possible. We are watching our competitors (Australia, USA, Middle East and more) all take advantage of this growing sector of energy - Canada is getting left behind and we the residents are the ones left paying the costs without jobs and financial security.

### **What I think should happen**

Other countries are either going to be burning coal, oil, or Natural Gas - why not as much Canadian LNG as possible? It's the cleanest source of fossil based energy globally right now and we happen to have a lot of it. Let's create a win/win and make something happen for the rest of Canada that we need.

Respectfully;

Warm Regards;

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