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Subject: Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project

To whom it may concern,

I am lifetime resident of British Columbia (born and bred) and I have spent many years working and living in Alberta as well.

I am 100% in favour of both the Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion project and the Enbridge Gateway Project for many reasons, but I will explain four primary reasons today. They are:

1. The National Interest. The fact is that Canada is an oil producing nation. However we are also leveraged badly by our American neighbors to sell our resource at a heavily discounted price because we currently only have one route of export from Canada and that is through the US. We are literally losing billions of dollars that could be used to advance our nation and its people because if we don't sell to American interests we don't sell more than we consume. European multinationals also reap the benefit indirectly through their American subsidiary companies and refineries in the US. This is a blatant waste of Canadian resource and potential.

2. The Environmental Interest. Resource recovery and exploitation in Canada works to some of the highest environmental standards in the world. The same cannot be said of the Middle East, South America, Africa, and Russia by any stretch of propaganda. Therefore any barrel of oil produced and sold out of Canada can be said to lessening the environmental damage done by the use of petroleum products on a global scale. This is partly how the Scandinavian and European countries balance their own environmental goals with their economic goals. The reduction of harm is one of the top two priorities we have in combating climate change and Canadian produced oil has an opportunity to play a major role in this drive.

3. The Safety Interest. The distributive movement of oil is without a shred of doubt safer by pipeline than by other modes of transportation, even without looking at the carbon impact of moving oil products by truck or by rail. The very fact that some interest groups position themselves as protecting the public safety by opposing pipelines is fantastical at best and recklessly irresponsible at worst. The fact that these new proposed pipelines will be built with the latest technology and highest global safety standards represents an upgrade to what we already have in place. North America already has aging pipeline distribution networks that should be replaced. To propose we cannot replace or upgrade these lines or create new lines that will increase the safety probabilities for all residents of the continent is selfish and reckless and flies in the face of the stated argument against.

The oil industry also had the highest safety standards of all industries with the possible exception of the nuclear power industry. Workers in the oil industry are more educated in safety than mining, forestry, fishing, and manufacturing. This industry sets the bar for all and enhances the lives of all who work in Canada. This valuable contribution cannot be overlooked or discounted.

4. The Economic Interest of Everyday Canadians. The expansion of the distributive pipeline network creates jobs for everyday Canadians in an industry that bolsters and grows the middle class. The oil industry pays higher wages than most in Canada and generates many economic benefits indirectly to the entire nation. The increased revenue for all levels of government from this investment, these jobs, and the increased tax revenue is imperative to continuing Canadian needs. To deny these benefits to the Canadian public due to misguided and reckless activists is irresponsible political behavior.

The leadership responsibilities of Canadians as part of the global community is to minimize human impact on the environment, use or reuse all resources that we consume and to forge and develop technology to ultimately end or nearly end our reliance on the harmful resources that endanger our planet. To that end, I support Canadian oil and I support these pipeline projects. We did not get ourselves into this environmental predicament in a day and we will not get ourselves out in a day but every step we take to reducing harm will count along the way.

Thank you the opportunity to comment on this subject. I hope we make our decision based on sound debate and credible information.

Respectfully yours,

Mathew Peter Morrison

Sent from my iPhone