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HELLO ALL:

HOW KENNEY CAN HELP FIX A BROKEN COUNTRY!

Canada is broken; Albertans want to fix it. We are tired of being treated like a colony in our own country. We are frustrated by Canada enjoying the more than **\$20 billion we contribute to equalization** annually while they simultaneously seek to prevent our future prosperity.

As angry as Albertans are, they won't vote for separation until we've tried to fix Canada and failed.

If you are an **Alberta separatist**, you likely recognize that truth and thus want the effort to save Canada to happen as soon as possible. If you are **not a separatist**, you probably believe that Canada can be better and that we need to fix things.

Either way, let's get to work fixing things.

In 2017, I proposed an **equalization referendum** as a tool to show Canada **how angry we were** and to force open constitutional discussions. **The UCP intends to hold that referendum next year.** However, the **Fraser Institute** recently put out a report that showed **Alberta doesn't have to wait for a referendum; it can use a legislative motion to force constitutional discussions.**

The time has come to force the federal government and the other provinces to the constitutional table.

Premier Jason Kenney is going to a first ministers meeting next week. He should inform the prime minister and the other premiers that the Alberta legislature will be **voting on a motion to open constitutional discussions.** The polls show that **Canada is broken** and the time has come to fix it.

The fix must come through locking in **constitutional changes.** **Policy changes aren't enough;** it will always be **politically useful in Canada to attack Alberta,** while spending its money.

What should Alberta want when we open the Constitution? Here are four absolute necessities:

First, the Constitution needs to explicitly require that every province be treated fairly and, where possible, equally in federal government decisions.

Second, either the House of Commons or the Senate must have true representation by population. It is unconscionable that **Alberta, the largest net contributor to Canada, is systematically** underrepresented in both the House of Commons and the Senate. **Having one chamber without representation by population may be defensible, but** not both.

Third, Canada needs an amendment that prohibits the federal government from passing laws that only impact one province without the majority consent of the MPs and senators from that province. Legislation, like C-48 the tanker ban, that

MPS and senators from that province. Legislation, like C-40 the tanker ban, that punishes a single province is something to be avoided for the sake of national unity.

And **most importantly**, the Constitution must explicitly state that **neither Ottawa nor another province can prevent any province's access to trade with the rest of the world**. The terms of union that led to **Confederation in 1867** were about **every province benefiting from the improved opportunities for trade** that came from creating Canada. We must return to the **"we are all in this together"** spirit of Confederation.

These four proposals should form the basis of **Alberta's opening position**. These are items of **fairness and representation that would benefit all provinces** and should have wide national support.

In Premier Kenney, Alberta has the best possible Canadian federalist to represent us at the constitutional discussion table and make a sincere effort to fix Canada. **Jason Kenney is a fervent nationalist**, and a tremendous communicator; there is no one better to make the case for **reasonable changes that lead to a better Canada**.

Trudeau and the other premiers will either work with Kenney and bring our country back to the spirit of Confederation or they will say no to Alberta.

I must admit that I am **not confident**. I suspect the **rest of Canada will say no**. Too many elements of the Canadian political and intellectual elite are fundamentally anti-Alberta. **They resent what Alberta stands for**.

I hope I am wrong, but I think there will be no enthusiasm on the part of Canada to say yes to reasonable proposals from Alberta. **Then, and only then, will Albertans be prepared to vote for separation**.

Remaining as an unappreciated colony within Canada is something that we will not endure.

Brian Jean is the former leader of the Opposition in Alberta.
Edmonton Journal - March 7, 2020 [Read Article](#)

ALBERTA FAIR DEAL PANEL - PUBLIC SURVEY

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OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: I am a born and raised Albertan and I want to say that it is time for some structural change to the Constitution. Michelle Rempel Garner and some other MP's put a lot of thought into the Buffalo Declaration and it is important that Albertans demand some of the things that are in it . This is not about separation it is about changing things that are antiquated with respect to the Constitution. It is important that we all call our MP's about this and the candidates running for the leadership. I personally will only vote for the candidate that will fight for Alberta. Things have not changed since PET and are even worse. It is time for Albertans to stop being so polite and fight for our rights. Without this we will always be under the east and not a full partner in Confederation. Without Constitutional change we will always be a colony.

2. From a Reader: Congratulations to Tom Flanagan. This article nails it. Unless all governments, especially the Trudeau government realize that there is but one class of Canadians in this country, we are headed to a period of discord that will disrupt and destroy our economy and way of life. We should all understand that there is no difference in citizenship in this country, one set of rules for one class of Canadians and separate rules for another. When the Courts rule and make a decision, the decision applies to all, not just some , Canadians. The protesters act in violation of decisions of the Supreme Court and contrary to the wishes of the people who live in the areas most affected by this line which has the benefits referenced in the Flanagan article. Why and how? Patience is not the answer. If this behavior is tolerated, we have the classic example of the tail wagging the dog, to the clear detriment of the majority, How long can this be tolerated? Laws are supposedly enacted for the benefit of all Canadians. When a group of Canadians act contrary these laws for what they perceive to be their particular interest, this cannot be tolerated and they must be held accountable and responsible. The federal government must act and act now, showing leadership to act in the best interests of Canada!

3. From a Reader: VIRTUE signalling was on fire this morning as Minister C. Bennett crowed in syrupy terms about days of successful negotiations with the hereditary chiefs. When asked about whether that meant the problems with the Coast Gas Link project are now ended she said, "Oh no. Our focus was on past misunderstandings & reconciliation and as our team flew back from BC to Ottawa we were all impressed with (ourselves about) what had been accomplished". The pipeline not even in the discussion!!!!!!!!!!!!

4. From a Reader: I couldn't agree more with Reader #4 in email #104, below! Premier Kenney has changed from his days as Opposition Leader to Premier. He has fallen into the pitfalls of a "career politician". Listening only to advisors (vast majority with no business experience) and old career bureaucrats leading departments who are more concerned with "keeping their kingdoms" together rather than looking for ways to become better at delivering their deliverables, if they even know or care about what they are anymore. It appears the words "effectiveness and efficiency" have become swear words for them at best. This budget with a projected \$6.8B deficit is just unacceptable! Regarding its projection of increased investment in the oil patch is just a dream unless one of two things happen.. 1: a re-write of the constitution is made guaranteeing total provincial control over resources with no interference from Feds or other provinces. This is not going to happen and therefore outside investment is nothing more than a pipe dream! OR 2: Alberta separation occurs.

5. From a Reader: The Buffalo Declaration is now showing the true stripes of the conservatives both provincially and federally. The leaders are against most of the recommendations and their caucuses, the "sheep", are following along speaking out saying.. "these 4 MPs didn't consult", etc. Really!! I voted to elect my MLA and MP to represent me, an Albertan not eastern thoughts! I contacted my MP and MLA and to date only heard from my Alberta MPs office and she complained against the "process conducted" vs what was actually said! The Buffalo Declaration demands fairness and equality! How can our elected Alberta representatives NOT be for that! It's mind boggling! Unless of course again they are more interested in being in power vs fairness and equality for Albertans. Until this declaration was presented Albertans like myself and many of my friends have been wondering who might we get to lead us....(sorry none of the leaders of the "separation" groups cut it. But thanks for building the movement. Now be willing to step aside.) Someone with name recognition, political experience, with class and distinction and yet have a bull dog tenacity, maybe like a "Margaret Thatcher".... then it hit us... Michelle Rempel Garner is our leader. IF she is willing, she will be an excellent leader that Albertans need and want so desperately. One who will not be afraid to stand up for us. She and the other 3 MPs are now demanding full equality and get rid of the equalization payments, which by the way Kenney doesn't mind paying if the oil patch is working. My question is who gave him that right to put that chip on the table?? Not Albertans!!! Without getting the demands of the declaration, she has the ability to unite Albertans, those on the fence regarding possible separation and those now firmly in its camp. She has the ability to educate Albertans on the many benefits of separation and what the new country would look like vs what we would possibly be giving up, things like being second class citizens of Canada for the rest of our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren. ...FOREVER!

She and her group took a bold move for Alberta in drafting and presenting the declaration. All true Albertans need to give them our support and encouragement! Albertans are waiting to hear from you, Michelle Rempel Garner!

ADDITIONAL READING/ VIEWING

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. WARREN BUFFET: PULLS OUT OF PROPOSED LNG PROJECT IN QUEBEC DUE TO 'CHALLENGES' IN CANADA [Click here](#)

2. UN CLIMATE CHIEF SAYS COMMUNISM IS BEST WAY TO FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING [Click here](#)

3. SCRAPPED: HOW NEARLY \$150 BILLION WORTH OF ENERGY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SHELVED IN CANADA [Click here](#)

4. AMERICA HAS BUILT THE EQUIVALENT OF 10 KEYSTONE PIPELINES SINCE 2010 - AND NOBODY SAID ANYTHING [Click here](#)

5. CONRAD BLACK: CANADIANS WILL TIRE OF DISRUPTIONS, AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WILL SUFFER [Click here](#)

ACTION ALBERTA - WHO WE ARE

We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. Alberta's energy sector is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian. Unfortunately, that is not happening under our current Federal government!

Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around for the good of all Canadians. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me.

Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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