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HELLO ALL:

Dear Mr. Iverach,

I have burst my spleen in this essay about our struggle in the west. It is too long for one of our national newspapers and they probably wouldn't publish it anyway. If you can use it, do so. I think I'm a lot like many Albertans who just don't know what to do. Venting has a role but it doesn't get much traction. Action is the only way. I'm 87 years old and pretty unable to help out, but keep up the good work for you are speaking for a lot of us here in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Bruce Christensen

A PLEA FROM AN ALBERTAN!

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has suggested, not far off from many voices in Alberta, that as long as there remains **global reliance on fossil fuels**, Canada should try to meet demand with the **cleanest product** it can produce. **But he has rarely been assertive enough about it to win Albertans' trust.**

I have lived a long time with this **sly, maledictory attitude towards those western Canadians** whose living depends upon this county's natural resources. Going back to his father, **Pierre Elliot Trudeau**, I have acquired an **unfortunate resentful attitude towards Easterners in government**. I know this is unfair to some well-intentioned, good people, but the **Trudeaus, father and son**, in their times as prime minister, **arrogantly crossed the line** between being caring, political leader and **not giving a damn** about the well-being of their fellow citizens.

In the **West**, our long standing, **unequal relationship with the East** in the Canadian constitution, has long been **ignored by a succession of eastern politicians**. The **Trudeaus** have not shown that they cared for Canadian voters except to focus on their **numerical voting advantage where it counts**, to mandate their personal wishes through **carrots to that majority** and an **"I could care less" shrug to everyone else, mainly we in the West.**

Back in the 80s when the **first Trudeau imposed the NEP on oil producers** and caused many westerners to rush around trying to find some way to earn a living, **my career was destroyed**, but I survived. I'm financially without much

but am cared for by my kids so I have no complaint. But it is just this that so many **liberal thinkers, people who sit behind desks** somewhere, usually in government offices, those who **suffer no inconvenience** to their own lives, believe and say, “Oh, they will survive!” They **expound and push their often-destructive theories** believing that society will adjust and society will be better off. When do they think about the children whose lives will not evolve as hoped. What of the marriages that will suffer and how about the many **hopes and dreams of good people that will be shattered** in the process?

Change is serious business. Society once was **agricultural** in nature. People derived their living from the soil and naturally accepted life as an ever-evolving responsibility for them. **It is not so today.** The **Coronavirus pandemic** has shown us all how utterly dependent we are on each other. **Trudeau, and let's hope there are no more,** cannot rightly sit in his fine leather chair and curry favor here, please another group there and **throw crumbs** elsewhere, without negatively affecting someone's life who has very little or any control over the world around him.

Because we have become so **interdependent,** men and women of influence must allow life to unfold with more dignity and greater understanding as we try and adjust to legitimate change. **Leaders in government, industry, education and religion** must make decisions focused first on the child, then that child's parents, then the family at large, then the school, the church and finally the work place. **Right now, the world thinks in reverse** and has the habit of saying, “This is what we are going to do,” and only assumes how it will affect the average citizen. This is the case in Canada. The fact is, families needn't be disrupted because of **world adjustments in the use of fossil fuels.** That will **occur naturally,** but to make **arbitrary decisions** based on a concept that will take a generation to make its mark, just to please the “thinkers” and the shakers of this world, is poor societal management and is **destructive to families.**

The reason given by **Trudeau for downplaying the oil industry** in this country, is Canada's deemed role to be an example in the GW emissions game. How does one balance its **country's emissions on a global scale, which is less than one percent,** against the possible **demise of an industry that provides 1/4 of the country's income.** I should think that **a true patriot to this country would fight to retain that income as long as it is feasible, not the reverse,**

and **put aside the ideological nonsense** we hear regurgitated by those **converted to this new religion. It's just an excuse with which to pander to the world community.**

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: It is instructive to note that the vast majority of the 265 signatories, of the letter to Trudeau recommending "no bailout for the oil and gas sector", provides no product (goods) or services that in any way enhances the Canadian GDP or quality of living for Canadians, especially Albertans. Instead, the authors seek to destroy the Alberta economy by eliminating our energy sector. So what can we Albertans logically do? Let's start with a hypothesis, in order to get to the truth.

First, assume that Alberta was already an independent country and Jason Kenney was the "President of the sovereign country of Alberta" generating \$20 - \$25 billion of 'excess' revenue. Second, assume that Canada invited Alberta to join confederation under the current terms and cost of membership. Would Jason subjugate Alberta to such onerous terms currently imposed by Canada if enjoined to do so? I don't believe so and, if I am correct, it follows that ethically, morally and economically, Jason should feel compelled to either re-structure Alberta's role in confederation or extricate Alberta from the oppressive subjugation and pillaging of Alberta by Ottawa.

So how could Jason best achieve either outcome? He simply needs to call for a referendum on Alberta secession in order to seek a strong enough mandate from Albertans to either fix Alberta's role in confederation or, failing to do so, secede from Canada. If Albertans knew what they could have and how much better their life could be, I am confident that Jason would get the required mandate. Prior to any referendum Albertans will need to be educated as to the massive benefits of either re-federation or, particularly, secession. As I have studied this subject in detail and written extensively about it , the latter is demonstrably superior to the former.

It is not just now that Jason needs to truly stand up for Albertans, it is overtime. We should not have to wait any longer to take matters into our own hands. Jason needs to take the lead on moving forward with a REFERENDUM ON ALBERTA AUTONOMY now.

2. From a Reader I would like to state my complete support for the article penned by Brian Kennedy and Ed Schultz concerning the University of Alberta named list of Academics. How they, these Academics, could undertake to write such a letter while the World Societies and as Canadians faces a pandemic known as COVID-19. With the changes our world will face in areas of the economy, our health, our food production, along with so many areas of concern, I suggest they focus on their areas of expertise and write academic papers to improve society not destroy it. Please remember "the economy runs on energy".

3. From a Reader Thank you for your advocacy. In spite of my advanced years, I continue to be astonished by the ignorance of many academics - in this case, some from the U of A. I would suggest a compromise between their stance of eliminating carbon as a fuel source and mine, of making good use of carbon. Considering the human body is comprised of 14% carbon, perhaps a good place to start to reduce the (mis)use of carbon might be to fire those self-important professors. Just a thought!

4. From a Reader: Our PM is spending billions that we don't have to prop up the economy, but instead of leaving money in our pockets by cancelling the carbon tax and GST, he increases the carbon tax and GST revenues. Why? Is Justin more interested in keeping his ideological message intact than helping people in dire straights? Global stock indices are experiencing massive volatility and losses of anywhere up to 30% while the Shanghai index in China remains within its 4 year trading range with little apparent disruption? How is that possible? We are a social species, yet we're being brow beaten into social distancing (look but don't touch) so we can help our healthcare system from being overwhelmed. No disrespect to those on the frontlines, your efforts are very much appreciated, but when we can barely provide workers with gowns, masks and gloves, I'm sorry to say, it's very unlikely that we'll be able to stop the wind.

5. From a Reader: We need to send our own letter, that informs the governments that due to the virus and lock down of students at the universities, that we will no longer be able to pay the professors. We could cut the staff by 80% and use the sports facilities/ class rooms for make shift hospitals during these times. The parking lots could be used for drive through testing for the virus. The money that is saved on salaries can be used to help small business and help people that really need the money.

I'm sure these professors can live on renewable projects that would employ them for the next year or two until things get better. This profession needs to get a wake up call and get reacquainted with reality. They completely have lost the reality of where their pay cheques come from and should not be sheltered any longer. Not my best writing but I'm so mad!!

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. 'WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?' ALBERTA SENATORS WANT TO KNOW WHEN HELP FOR THE ENERGY INDUSTRY IS COMING [Click here](#)

2. BONOKOSKI: CBC JOBS DEPEND ON KISSING UP TO LIBERALS? ASK A CBC STAR [Click here](#)

3. ACADEMIC WHO BLEW THE WHISTLE ON CHINA'S INFLUENCE ON AUSTRALIA SAYS CANADA IS IN EVEN WORSE TROUBLE [Click here](#)

4. FERNANDO: A QUESTION OF LOYALTY [Click here](#)

5. OVERNIGHT OATS - FEDERAL CARBON TAX STYLE [Click here](#)

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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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