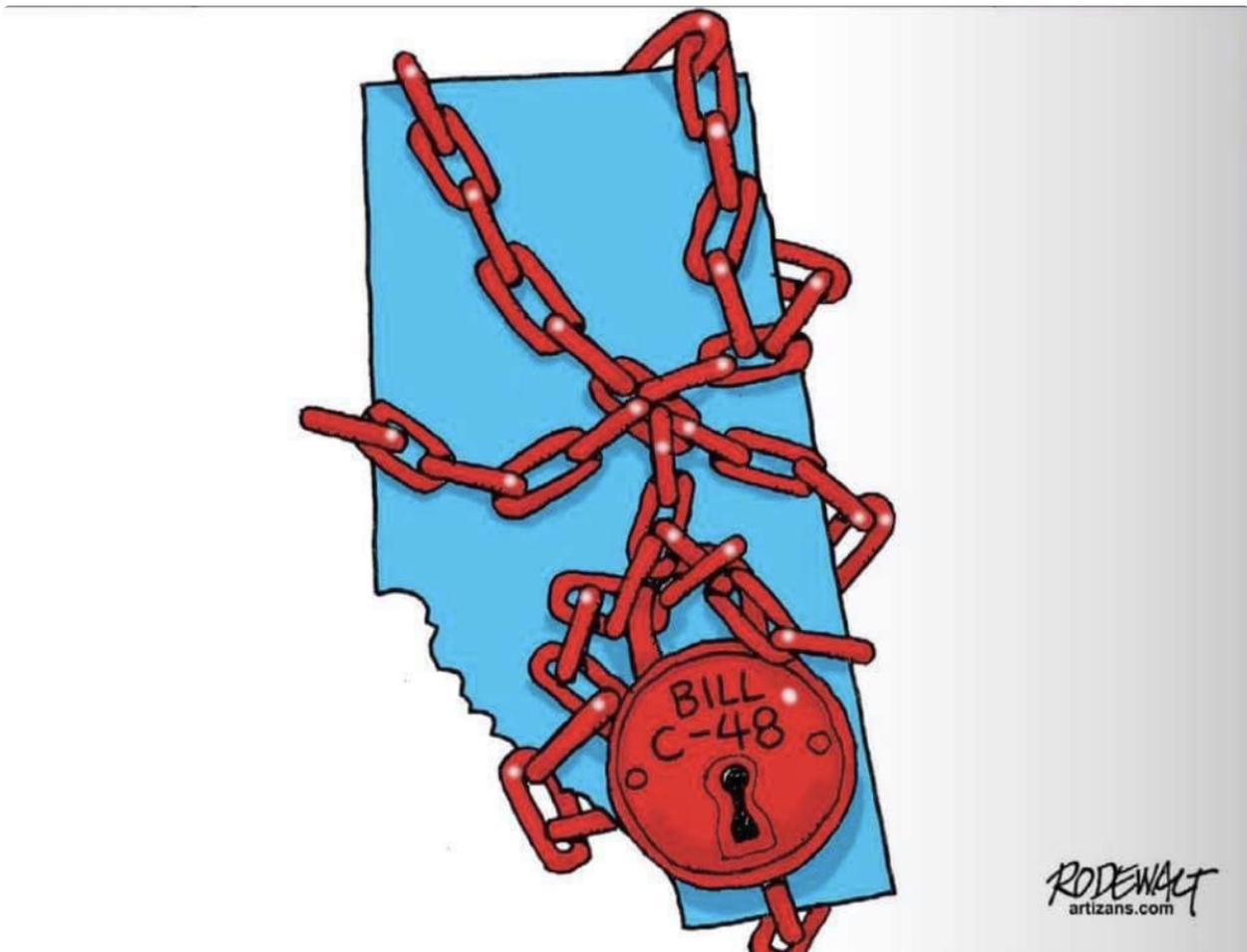


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HELLO ALL (The Group of 5,505+ and growing):

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. That motivation should naturally flow from the fact that Alberta's energy business is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian. Unfortunately that has not happened so far!

BILL C-48 - THE WEST COAST ALBERTA OIL TANKER BAN!

The federal House of Commons has passed Bill C-48, with the aim of implementing **Justin Trudeau's west coast oil tanker ban**. The Bill is currently under review in the Senate, which has been holding hearings across Canada.

Bill C-48, if approved by the Senate, will be a severe impediment to the ability of Alberta to move its crude oil to international (non-USA) markets!!

THIS IS A KEY PIECE OF JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S MASTER PLAN TO "PHASE OUT" ALBERTA'S OIL SANDS!!

The following is from the excellent submission of **Martha Hall Findlay** (President and CEO of the **Canada West Foundation**) to the Senate Communications and Transportation Committee on April 2, 2019 on **Bill C-48**.

FIRST, the bill is frankly **un-Canadian** in clearly **favouring some regions over others**. It would **jeopardize economic activity in one part of the country while ignoring even greater and arguably riskier tanker activity in many other parts of Canada**, which is encouraged activity to support economic activity in those other parts of the country. There is **no similar ban on any oil tanker traffic along any of Canada's other coastlines** – of which there is a great deal. **This is fundamentally un-Canadian**.

The northern West Coast is beautiful and pristine, but it **does not have a monopoly** on either of those qualities. Oil tankers travel the coastline of New Brunswick to deliver oil from Saudi Arabia to the Irving Oil refinery. The ruggedly beautiful coast of Newfoundland has significant oil rigs operating offshore – and they have meant the difference between poverty and prosperity for many Newfoundlanders. Consider Vancouver – why is it any less deserving

of environmental protection than any other part of the coastline? There is wildlife, there are residents and there is tourism, all of which would be affected by a spill. Except that the city of Vancouver would not exist as it is without being a **major port**. So all that maritime traffic is not only OK, but encouraged. The **St. Lawrence River is jammed with tankers bringing oil to refineries in Quebec** – which of course are important for jobs there. **Bill-C-48 would prevent Canadian oil from getting to Asian markets via, for example, water ports of Kitimat or Prince Rupert** – and **directly hurt the Albertan and Saskatchewan and coastal B.C. economies** – including several **Indigenous groups** who are also dead set against this bill.

How is that fair? In our view, it is not. And couching this as protecting the coastal environment is **ultra-selective, hypocritical, and, frankly, an un-Canadian effort by an anti-oil sands lobby run amok.**

In acting for all Canadians, we hope the Committee will ask some basic questions – specifically why this bill is completely **inconsistent with what we do on all of our other coasts.**

We must not pick and choose where and when we exercise our environmental conscience – particularly when doing so favours jobs in some parts of the country but kills others.

SECOND, the bill is based on **faulty evidence**. Some excellent work has been done by Stewart Muir of Resource Works on this issue, which I will reference in my comments here. Bill C-48 will do nothing to address the **extensive tanker traffic that passes by from Alaska – four daily crude tankers carrying Alaskan oil southward**, albeit out of sight of land – it would only prevent those coming into a Canadian port. Unemployed Canadians on the shore will have that much more time to watch with envy the many tankers going by, with oil that the U.S. is selling – to their advantage; certainly not ours. **The government has to this point not presented any economic study or scientific research that supports the ban.** Senator Michael MacDonald of Nova Scotia has pointed out that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has itself shown that Ridley Island near Prince Rupert is the **safest potential oil port on the whole west coast**, better suited to tanker shipping than even Vancouver itself.

But there are better alternatives. The Galapagos Islands, the Great Barrier Reef

and the Baltic Sea are special, too, but oil tanker traffic has not been banned in those places. However, the use of what are called Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs), by the International Maritime Organization, is an excellent, pragmatic way of dealing with those concerns. Why can't we do that here? In the case of the Baltic Sea PSSA, this means traffic separation schemes, pilotage rule, mandatory reporting systems and areas that must be avoided. We should use this approach – on whatever parts of Canada's coastline we consider sensitive.

THIRD, the Senate has an **obligation** as you well know to ensure good legislation. Often, thanks to good and thorough work, **important amendments** are made to improve on what comes from the House of Commons. We commend the efforts currently being undertaken by your colleagues in trying to find amendments to Bill C-69. **There have also been times when the Senate has, rightly, simply said “No,” and refused to pass a bill.**

This should be one of those times.

This much more independent Senate has a hugely important role to play – NOT because of partisan obstructionism but to get crucial legislation right. The country needs the Senate to ensure that we pass the right legislation in this country – and that we refuse to pass what isn't.

<https://cwf.ca/news/commentaries/op-ed-bill-c-48-tanker-ban-is-un-canadian-because-its-unfair-to-certain-parts-of-canada/>

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: Jason Kenney has 100,000 bureaucrats in Edmonton, most of whom voted NDP. Job 1 should be thinning out the ranks of those business-hating government employees and replacing them with private sector companies and individuals who can do their jobs more efficiently. Ralph was very effective in doing just that during the early days of his reign. Driver testing? That would be a good start. Then let's tackle the big ones like Energy and Environment.

2. From a Reader: I ran as an Independent Candidate with my focus on Public Education because that is my background. These once great Institutions have become mostly a big part of the Left-Leaning propaganda machine. Even my

oldest granddaughter voted in favor of the NDP. I spoke to her this morning after she had cast her ballot for the first in favor of that Party. We spoke in friendly terms, but she is adamant about socialism as a force for GOOD. We are a family that talks politics quite often, but even she has been indoctrinated. So it tells me that NO ONE is safe from the public school agenda to transform all Canadians into socialism believers. No one is allowed into the schools to explain the virtues of Capitalism and Business. The teachers basically seldom talk about how it has made us Free and Rich and no one from business is EVER INVITED IN. We need to change this if we wish to have a good future.

3. From a Reader: I enjoy your updates and will continue to do so. I was fit to be tied sitting in Manitoba watching and hoping that Alberta would come through and gain a beachhead in the west. We live in such illogical times that it was not hard for a Manitoban to think faintly NDP would remain in power. What a bloody relief! The last while Canada has been circling the bowl as far as I'm concerned and with Ontario and Alberta and others going conservative I'm optimistic that in November we'll be able to bury this bad stage of Canadian history to the dustbin. I agree a lot of hard work ahead.

4. From a Reader: I just saw the Premier of Quebec being interviewed about the Energy East pipeline saying in a rather smug self-congratulatory way that "Quebec buys now 53% of its oil from Alberta". This is either arrogance or ignorance or both when there is a solid case to be made that Quebec gets 100% of its equalization money from Alberta without which Quebec would not even come close to running a surplus.

5. From a Reader: An interesting read from a West Coast publication. **The most interesting part is about *batching* oil down the TransMountain pipeline.** Premier-elect Kenney has tools in the tool-kit that may well be **court challenge-proof**. I trust/hope he is aware of them.

<https://achemistinlangley.net/2019/04/14/a-primer-on-the-bc-refined-fuel-market-lower-mainland-gasoline-prices-and-how-they-can-be-affected-by-a-change-in-mix-in-the-trans-mountain-pipeline/>

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. CORBELLA: KENNEY VOWS TO USE VIVIAN KRAUSE'S RESEARCH TO CRUSH ALBERTA'S ENEMIES

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/corbella-kenney-vows-to-use-krauses-research-to-crush-albertas-enemies>

2. QUEBEC SHOULD SEIZE THE HAND EXTENDED BY ALBERTA

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/quebec-should-seize-the-hand-extended-by-alberta-861439573.html>

3. DAVID STAPLES: EVEN MODERATE ALBERTANS ALARMED BY TRUDEAU'S OILSANDS PLANS

<https://edmontonjournal.com/business/local-business/david-staples-even-moderate-albertans-alarmed-by-trudeaus-oilsands-plans>

4. CHRIS NELSON: TRUDEAU IS MORE OF A THREAT TO CANADA THAN RUSSIA

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/nelson-trudeaus-more-of-a-threat-than-russia>

5. REX MURPHY: KENNEY'S RESOLUTENESS WON ALBERTA

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-trudeau-damned-rachel-notley-and-gave-jason-kenney-generous-outside-help#comments-area>

6. EQUALIZATION AND HOCKEY ARE TWO OF LEGAULT'S FAVOURITE THINGS ABOUT CANADA

<https://calgaryherald.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/legault-cites-equalization-hockey-as-reasons-to-be-proud-canadian/wcm/de2f0b53-9abf-417e-8a22-f9f73bf38e8f>

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