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HELLO ALL (The Group of 6,020+ and growing):

**Bill C-69 - A FEDERAL ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE ENERGY BUSINESS**

Ottawa recently released its list of “designated projects” for the new impact assessment process proposed under Bill C-69. The new list signals the government’s intent to use the new impact assessment legislation as a tool to manage greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and to manage the energy industry.

Bill C-69, introduced last year and almost at the finish line, proposes to replace the current system of environmental assessment with a new process hosted under a new regulator – the Impact Assessment Agency. The designated project list identifies which projects must undergo a federal assessment. The list specifies certain categories of project – oil and gas, pipelines, renewable energy, mining, rail transportation, nuclear projects and a few more – and specifies thresholds for how large a project needs to be for it to require assessment through the agency.

There is also hypocrisy built into the list. Chemical, aluminum, fertilizer, and cement manufacturing, agricultural operations and even waste treatment and disposal facilities often produce GHGs at levels that are the same or higher than many mining, power generation and fossil fuel operations. But they are not on the list. Why target only certain industries rather than any project that has the potential to be among the highest of GHG producers? Not only is this approach procedurally unfair, it reinforces the view that the fight over GHG emissions is really a fight about the energy industry. Bill C-69 will allow the federal government to take control of the energy industry - an area of provincial jurisdiction!

Thresholds are used to rule certain projects in; but they won’t be useful in helping project proponents identify when they are exempt from federal assessment. This is because the legislation (Bill C-69) grants the Minister of the Environment a residual discretion to “designate” a project – that is, to require an assessment even if that project type isn’t on the list. This discretion amounts to a political override of an otherwise rigorous assessment process.
The primary reason that the minister would designate a project that isn’t otherwise on the list is “public concern”. These days, what isn’t the subject of public concern? Of course we want the process to be flexible and responsive. But this is set against the fact that it has become increasingly difficult to get things built in Canada. Canada has become “too fussy, risk-averse, fractured, bureaucratic and litigious” to be able to build the type of infrastructure that originally made Canada great, and that we are falling behind globally as a result. Imagine trying to build the CPR, the CNR, the St. Lawrence Seaway or the TransCanada Highway today - nation building projects - impossible!! Ministerial discretion that responds to public pressure is likely to worsen – not improve – this problem, bringing with it increasing uncertainty of a type abhorred by operators and investors.

We have choices to make as a country about GHG emissions and the future of our energy industry. Many Canadians want a strong environmental policy - we all do. But policy decisions should be made in a policy environment not at project’s regulatory hearing. Climate policy should be clear and apply equally to all industrial activities. These policy decisions should not be dependent on whether the minister approves or rejects a single project.


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JASON KENNEY DELIVERS A WARNING TO TRUDEAU - CANADIAN UNITY IS AT STAKE

Alberta Premier Jason Kenney met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week. Handshakes and pleasantries were exchanged, as per custom. But Kenney, freshly sworn in after a decisive victory last month, left no doubt that he’d come to Ottawa to send a message. We hope it was heard.

When he wasn’t meeting with Trudeau, Kenney was testifying before the Senate. Senators have been considering Bill C-69, a dramatic overhaul of the
rules and regulations concerning energy projects in Canada. Critics warn that the bill would make an already uncompetitive investment climate much worse, not only by injecting loads more regulatory uncertainty into project approvals, but by kicking off years of litigation and political battles over the bill’s implementation. Kenney did not mince words when warning senators how negatively the bill is perceived in Alberta.

“This is not just a slight against the people of Alberta,” Kenney said on Thursday. “This is the culmination of a full-frontal attack on our economic prosperity. I plead with you, as federalists, to understand the national unity implications of this.”

https://nationalpost.com/opinion,np-view-jason-kenney-delivers-a-warning-to-ottawa-it-had-better-be-heard

PLEASE EMAIL OUR ALBERTA SENATORS TO ASK THEM STOP BILLS C-48 and C-69 - FOR THE SAKE OF ALBERTA

Bills C-48 and C-69 are currently in the Senate. They have already passed the House of Commons. The current legislative session will end before the end of June and that will be the last session before the Federal election in October. To become law, these Bills would have to be approved by the Senate by the end of June.

Both Bills C-48 and C-69 must be part of the Federal election - the people of Canada MUST have a say on them and their potential to destroy Canada. If passed, those Bills will seriously undo and work against the incredible career progress and future employment for the thousands of First Nations employees in Canada’s energy and mining sectors. And they will make life even more difficult and the future more hopeless for the vulnerable minorities in Alberta: the unemployed, new immigrants looking for work and LGBTQ that are out of work. All are eminently employable by a rejuvenated energy and mining sector. The impact will also be devastating for Canada as without a healthy, growing and prosperous economy in Alberta the economy of the entire country will suffer.

We ask all Albertans to contact our six Alberta Senators to ask them to stop Bills C48 and C-69. There is a real chance that if our Alberta Senators do not approve them, that they will not become law before the election. This is
**NOT a partisan issue, or at least it should not be.** Our Alberta Senators MUST consider Bills C-48 and C-69 and the effect that they will have not only on Alberta and our economy, but also on Canada as a whole. These Bills will severely hamper not only our Alberta energy sector, but many other industries across Canada. We have already become non-competitive in the world economy. Our Senators must realize this and NOT approve both Bills C-48 and C-69.

**Please send your objections to our following Alberta Senators:**

 Senator Grant Mitchell  
 Senator Patti LaBoucane-Benson  
 Senator Paula Simons  
 Senator Elaine McCoy  
 Senator Scott Tannas  
 Senator Douglas Black

Just copy these email addresses into your own email and tell them that both Bills C-48 and C-69 should not be passed as they are very bad for both Alberta and Canada:

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**OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION**

1. **From a Reader:** The Federal government has not only architected the complete demise of Alberta’s energy based economy, but has done so myopically and hypocritically on so many levels – we are a first world country with 90% of our consumables (including the housing industry, medical device industry, pharmaceuticals, agricultural machinery, education, transportation and auto-manufacturing industry, etc.) completely reliant upon hydrocarbons. All these bogus-minded Liberal party bills and taxes do not limit the consumption of hydro-carbons. Furthermore, it creates an anti-national interest framework which supports terrorist states, by continuing to allow importing of hydrocarbon-resources from Saudi Arabia, etc.

Canadians would benefit by understanding that if the Federal Liberals want to put their money where their mouths are, then dismantling Ontario’s
put their money where their mouths are, then dismantling Ontario's manufacturing sector, or BCs pulp and paper and mining sectors, ought to be top of list. Then, the Federal liberals should go after all the Agriculture belts since massification of farming has impacted the environment.

In fact the Trudeau government should pass a whole bunch of new amendments to Bill C-69 to include: agriculture, manufacturing, aerospace, mining, etc.

2. From a Reader: The Liberal Party takes its orders from the UN & wants to divide Canada even further than what has already been done by P. E. Trudeau’s 1982 Constitution & the Charter, which has been used to give far too many rights to all minorities, all paid for by the general taxpayers. This is happening in ALL Western Civilizations which are definitely starting to fall apart, unbeknownst to most of its citizens, especially the Millennials.

3. From a Reader: I see media reports that our government is spending $$ millions to secure a seat on the UN Security Council. Apparently, our politicians are too thick to realize that a position that is voted on but that can be bought with a sufficient investment in bribes is not worth holding. Canada has been campaigning for one of the rotating slots on the UN Security Council for three years. There’s one year left until that 2021 spot is decided, and the spending isn’t slowing down. Documents obtained by CBC News under Access to Information law show the government has ramped up spending as the clock ticks down. Since 2016, $1.5 million has been spent on the campaign — $1 million in the last 10 months alone. Canadian officials have made dozens of trips for this campaign, and at least $1 million in additional money was spent in the 2016-2017 fiscal year on salaries for 11 government employees in Ottawa and New York dedicated to the bid full-time. Data was not provided for other years.

If UN Security Council seats are awarded through bribery, we should be questioning our support for this enterprise, not paying bribes to acquire a seat on a council of crooks. This is more of the arrogant, elitist and unethical activity that resulted in the SNC-Lavalin scandal. These fools think they are above the law. Our government must not use public funds to engage in bribery for any reason.

4. From a Reader: I’m told PCL, maybe Canada’s largest construction firm won’t play in unsavory overseas markets and, guess what, it is surviving quite well. CIB stuff not good.

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. JACK MINTZ – TWO DIFFERENT CONFLICTS IN FEDERAL SYSTEMS: AN APPLICATION TO CANADA

2. TOP SCIENTIST RESIGNS: “GLOBAL WARMING IS A $TRILLION SCAM – IT HAS CORRUPTED MANY SCIENTISTS
http://humansarefree.com/2016/04/top-scientist-resigns-global-warming-is.html#.

3. LIFE WITHOUT PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?

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!

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**Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!**

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