HELLO ALL (The Group of 6,300+ and growing):

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT and the CONSTITUTION are FAILING OUR COUNTRY

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Relationships between some Provincial Governments and also between various Provinces and the Federal Government, seem to be at an ALL TIME LOW. Certainly, the increasingly serious inter-governmental tensions require urgent, concerted and effective action, assuming that effective governance is the objective. Leadership in Ottawa, Quebec City and Victoria seem to make that very difficult to achieve.

Federal Governments over the past 150 plus years have often had to defuse tensions and broker solutions that can threaten the stability of any federation, especially one as diverse and far flung as Canada’s. But the current team in Ottawa has failed miserably on that score. Their inaction, and some of their efforts to impose solutions, have not only aggravated tensions and seriously threatened our country’s economic stability, but have ramped up anger and suspicion between governments while undermining any prospect of settlement or compromise. Interested observers note that the “national interest” appears often to be co-opted by partisan politics.

Consider the following sources of deliberate and severe conflict created or encouraged by the Trudeau Government:

• Severe limitations upon, or outright cancellation, of the urgent and ongoing need to have pipeline projects that provide export access at both coasts (Northern Gateway, Trans Mountain, Energy East);

• Failure to balance climate and oil and gas industry considerations in its policies (enthusiastically embracing carbon tax and its adverse economic impact on Canadians VS rejecting policies that could have avoided the loss of tens or hundreds of thousands of jobs/loss of billions of dollars of foreign and domestic investment/severe damage to Canada's reputation as a good place to invest);

• Collaborating in long term economic damage to Canada by allowing its oil to be landlocked, so that the ONLY customer is the US, making it difficult or impossible to get world price for the hydrocarbon resources whose owners are the biggest taxpayers and government service funders in Canada;

• Ignoring the severe long-term damage to Canada’s public services (health, education, and other critical programs and services) that WILL result from the
declining revenues and tax payable by the oil and gas industry;

- **Choosing to favour** oil supply to Eastern Canada arriving **by ship** to coastal and river ports from brutal, despotic regimes such as Saudi Arabia, Nigeria & Venezuela, rather than being shipped from domestic sources in Western Canada by the incomparably safer method of pipelines;

- **Proposing**, in Bills C48 (targeted West Coast shipping limitations) and C-69 (the so-called “No More Pipelines Bill”) measures that will be very detrimental to any future pipeline (and other) infrastructure development or shipping of hydrocarbon products from most of Canada’s Pacific coast while allowing huge and regular shipping transport to and from many locations in Eastern Canada;

- **Eliminating** the **most highly respected hydrocarbon regulatory body in the world** (Canada’s **National Energy Board**) to be **replaced by a new, untested & poorly designed agency tucked firmly under the wing of the Federal Dept of Environment** that does not even have “energy” in its name, but is instead styled the “Impact Assessment Board”. Under that legislation, the Minister of Climate Change and Environment would have discretion to override rigorous engineering and science-based analysis in the pursuit of political ends. The long history, incomparable experience and reputation, and unmatched expertise of the National Energy Board will no longer have a role.

- **AND THE ICING ON THE CAKE:** Requiring **completely incoherent, subjective, immeasurable factors** to be part of obtaining future pipeline approvals **in Canada, due to vague, politically correct requirements that would be demanded under Bill C-69**, such as “addressing the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors”. Numerous legal and other commentators have emphasized the danger of such ambiguous requirements, which could be interpreted differently every time they were applied and supplant engineering, cost and other definable inputs as the basis for much needed capital projects.

**ONE MAY WELL ASK:** **WHAT ON EARTH DOES THAT BILL C-69 LANGUAGE EVEN MEAN?** How would regulators be able to agree on anything so vague and subjective? **AND what does it have to do with ensuring Canada has essential infrastructure?** Is Canada’s future as a trading nation and a supportive home to the jobs, investment and economic
The Trudeau Government’s betrayal of investors who, for decades, have ploughed BILLIONS of DOLLARS into Canada under a set of tough, but fair, rules and expectations is a disgrace. The botched pipeline approvals, and attack on essential export needs, have taken Canada from a top 10 country to invest in to one with a banana republic reputation. Imposition of unpredictable and unintelligible rules for the investment urgently needed to continue solid economic performance have already driven huge amounts of investment elsewhere and that trend will certainly continue.

Hugely supportive international investors such as Royal Dutch Shell, Total and StatOil, as well as other major international investors have sold out and fled the Canadian scene, along with the continuing jobs and massive tax revenues that their investment would have brought. The previous regulations lured individuals and companies to give our country priority as to where they would invest, create jobs and provide an enormous boost to our economy have now been betrayed.

It is clear that our Constitution, and specifically the broad powers given to the Federal Government to strengthen or undermine our economy, are not providing a path to decisions that serve the needs of all Provinces or the national interest. If Canada is to function as a successful federation going forward, it is essential that material changes be made to the division of powers between Provinces and the Federal Government. Those changes must ensure, among other priority items, that infrastructure which is essential to some Provinces and a benefit to the federation as a whole, will not be able to be denied or jeopardized for reasons that have no regard for jobs, the economy or the ability to protect long established and much needed government revenues and services.

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: It is obvious on the street, and wherever conversations take place regarding Alberta’s well being that we are under siege. The federal government is openly trying to impoverish the province. Any clear thinking person will recognize that this Trudeau inspired attack on Alberta is, in the long run, fools play. Alberta and Saskatchewan have been treated poorly since
2. From a Reader: Dear Senator Black: Thank you very much for your response. I appreciate your stance on this disgraceful piece of economically damaging legislation. Next on the agenda is the urgent recommendation from thinking Albertans, indeed Canadians, that Bill C-69 must not be approved under any circumstance. If even one of these Bills, C-48 or C-69, is passed it will literally destroy the Western Canadian energy industry, resulting in a serious threat to our federation and it's unity.

3. From a Reader: Quebec is nothing but a spoiled rotten child with a very rich daddy ... Trudeau and the “game of very rich thieves” always has been that way since confederation and always will be. That is until Alberta wakes up and leaves Canada. Quebec tried that and failed miserably and companies left the province in droves! If Alberta was to leave I suspect the reverse would happen - many companies and talented individuals would move here. Alberta has the resources to pull it off and Kenney needs to hold a referendum sooner than later. This is greater than getting pipelines built! Ottawa is not going to change, only going to get worse...over reach is what they do in everything they touch ... from taxation (equalization money and billions to foreign countries), carbon taxes, cancelling pipelines and of course their bogus climate agenda and so much more. All of confederation is stacked against everyone outside Upper and Lower Canada! A lot is explained in: https://www.albertadoesntfit.com Without the corrupt formula for equalization, Quebec and some others would be worse basket cases than they currently are now. The province is corrupt through and through. They are not equal partners but control the country through their corrupt politics both provincially and federally. Fairness only goes one way ... gimme, gimme or I’ll leave... GO.. please go. So many of the rest of Canada wanted them to leave but they couldn’t even do that right!!! So they stick around and drag us all down!! Let’s face it, all they are good at is blackmailing the country!

4. From a Reader: My thought for the day: Instead of doing gutter slams at the current inept PM, those of us who want a change of government need to persuade the Conservatives to toughen up. We need a LOT more policy info and we need Scheer to have more skillful and articulate advisers. The bumpf they send out to contributors has a whiny, desperation smell to it, instead of a bullpen confidence. Many swing voters say: I don’t like Trudeau (any more), but
what’s to vote for with Dimples?? That cluster of voters tend to hold their noses and stay with the devil they know, unless Scheer’s brand can shine a lot stronger than it does today. Considering the fodder he’s had to work with over the past six months, it would be hard to give him more than 4/10, ok: three. Apparently the polls currently favour Scheer. That is encouraging, but meaningless at this time.

5. From a Reader: Hello PM Trudeau and Minister Harjit Singh Sajjan:

“The Hall and the Afghanistan memorial are not open to the general public, but will be made accessible to families of the Fallen upon request,” according to the Canadian Forces Facebook posting. How did our senior Government and Armed Forces leaders become so self-absorbed, haughty, indifferent and oblivious that they would think for one single second their substandard attempt to memorialize these brave lost souls as they have would be acceptable on any level? The Afghanistan monument location and the above statement is shocking, arrogant, insensitive, dismissive and completely unCanadian. This memorial must be moved immediately to a spot designated by family members of the fallen or to the Canadian War Museum grounds where all Canadians can easily access the monument, at any time, to pay their respects. It appears senior Government and military leaders are incapable of making a decision that reflects the pride, appreciation and tremendous sadness that many Canadians feel over the loss of these valiant spirits. Do the right thing, make amends and, as requested, move the Monument … now.

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. MARK BONOKOSKI: "CLIMATE EMERGENCY" BE DAMNED, TRUDEAU LOVES FIRING UP THE JETLINERS

2. CAMPAIGN CALLS FOR CANADIANS TO "STAND UP TO CHINA" IN WAKE OF CANOLA BANS
https://globalnews.ca/news/5286192/campaign-calls-for-canadians-to-stand-up-to-china-in-wake-of-canola-bans/?fbclid=IwAR1S3vlQChryidcpJZOFEGPw2vnfQO-XBJbASEBqSEUS2v4LAv6nNUbugz4

3. TRUDEAU MINISTER SAYS CANADIANS WHO WANT NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT HAVE "NO REGARD" FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OR FIRST NATIONS

4. BRAID: AFTER HUMILIATING DEFEAT, HORGAN BLUSTERS ON
https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/braid-after-humiliating-court-defeat-b-c-premier-horgan-blusters-on

5. JOURNALISTS QUESTION LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S $600M MEDIA BAILOUT PLAN
https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/journalists-question-media-bailout-1.5147761

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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.

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