HELLO ALL (The Group of 7,720+ and growing):

PREMIER'S RESPONSE TO QUEBEC PREMIER LEGAULT'S COMMENTS ON EQUALIZATION

Premier Jason Kenney issued the following statement in response to Quebec Premier Francois Legault’s comments on equalization:
“Quebec Premier François Legault’s comments reflect a misunderstanding of the history of equalization, and Alberta’s demand for fairness in the federation.

Equalization has not “been in the constitution since Day 1 of Canada.” The principle of equalization was included for the first time in the 1982 Constitution Act, which Quebec refused to sign.

It is historically inaccurate to say that “When Quebec got into Canada, equalization was in the plan. It is part of the original deal. We can’t change the original deal.” In fact, equalization began as a unilateral federal program in 1957, and has undergone many significant changes since then.

It is also completely false to suggest, as Premier Legault does, that I am “starting to become separatist.” As I have said repeatedly, I always have been and always will be a proud Canadian patriot and a federalist, without condition. It was at my urging that the merger agreement creating the United Conservative Party included “loyalty to a united Canada” as a founding principle. For me, that loyalty is non-negotiable.

I have also been clear that most Albertans are proud to have shared much of our province’s good fortune with other Canadians, and that we do not object to equalization in principle. However, we cannot abide other governments benefiting enormously from our resources while trying to obstruct the development and sale of those resources. Nor is it acceptable that other provinces benefit from equalization payments generated in part from our energy resources while refusing to develop their own energy resources.

Albertans have made a net contribution of over $620 billion to the rest of the federation through their federal taxes since 1957. We make a net contribution of approximately $20 billion to fiscal federalism each year. Alberta has been a great source of shared prosperity and social progress in Canada, and we hope to continue to be in the future.

Our call for a fair deal in the federation simply means this: if Ottawa and other provinces want to benefit from Alberta’s resources, then they must not oppose the transport and sale of those resources.

To put it more bluntly: if you want to benefit from our oil and gas wealth, stop
blocking oil and gas pipelines. As I said at the Council of the Federation last month, “If you aren’t willing to accept our resources, why are you willing to accept the money that comes from them?” Or as Quebecers say, “On ne peut pas vouloir le beurre, et l’argent du beurre.”

That is why our government is committed to holding a referendum on Section 36 of the Constitution Act – the principle of equalization – if we do not see substantial progress on coastal pipelines and a repeal of devastating policies like Bill C-69, the ‘No More Pipelines Act.’ We make this commitment as a way of putting our struggle for fairness at the top of the national agenda.

As I said in French on election night, Albertans admire and respect Quebecers. We have been and should be close partners in the federation, and in shared prosperity. I have also appreciated developing a positive working relationship with Premier Legault, whom I respect. Unfortunately, Premier Legault was mistaken when he said that equalization “is connected to the very existence of Canada. When Quebec got into Canada, equalization was in the plan. It is part of the original deal. We can’t change the original deal.”

I would, however, remind him that exclusive federal jurisdiction over interprovincial pipelines is in fact part of the original deal of Confederation. It is enshrined in Section 92(10)(a) of the Constitution, which makes it clear that provinces cannot regulate “Works and Undertakings connecting the Province with any other or others of the Provinces, or extending beyond the Limits of the Province.” This constitutional fact was recently confirmed by a unanimous decision of the BC Court of Appeal. The Government of Quebec’s assertion that it can block approval of an interprovincial pipeline clearly violates the letter and spirit of the original Constitution.

We simply ask that other Canadian governments respect the Constitution and help us get a fair price for our resources, so that we can continue to be partners in prosperity." [Emphasis added by Action Alberta.]

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE CANADIAN ENERGY

Here is a must watch video just put out by Canadians for Canada’s Future. Canada’s progressive energy sector is working every day to benefit Canadians from coast to coast. It’s a story all Canadians deserve to hear –
Canadians from coast to coast. It's a story all Canadians deserve to hear – and we’re proud to tell it. Please pass it on!

https://youtu.be/BlAil_zuyBw

DAVID YAGER'S UPDATED BOOK: "How Federal Election Climate Politics Could Seriously Damage Alberta's Economy"

This is a must read has we head into the federal election!!


OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: The majority of Canadians are completely unaware of the amount of CO2 (4 parts in 10,000) in the atmosphere and the only way to get the message out is to take out full page ads in local newspapers across Canada. This may help make politicians like Trudeau, McKenna and Elizabeth May accountable. It isn't just CBC promoting this nonsense, CTV is also onboard. Note the number of times CTV either has Elizabeth May on their talk shows or interviews her.

2. From a Reader: The fix is already in on the upcoming national leaders debate. Leave aside the issue of the PPC (and Max Bernier) being omitted, the list of moderators reads like Who's Who in left wing journalism! Rosemary Barton, Susan Delacourt, Althia Raj, Lisa LaFlamme and Dawna Frisen. Can someone on the media consortium on the federal leaders' debates explain how it’s possible that the journalist who broke the biggest story on the Trudeau government over the past 4 years - Bob Fife of the Globe and Mail - is not one of the questioners? I mean. seriously! Plus, I would have loved to see Sheila Gunn Reid up there!

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/canada-election-leaders-debates-moderators_ca_5d5bf8f6e4b05f62fbd5743f

3. From a Reader: I agree with your feelings which so clearly expressed in #57. I feel exactly the same way. I see no alternative but for Alberta to remove itself from the failed confederation. The supposed federal government’s major objective is the support everything in Quebec and Ontario solely to remain in power regardless of the well being of satellite provinces whose votes are
unsupportive, just don’t count or are against their idealistic dreaming. I too have gone from proud Canadian to separatist.

4. From a Reader (in B.C.): The U.S. tariffs against the B.C. softwood lumber crisis is quiet (except in the small towns where the lumber and logging industry is king). In all his conversations with President Trump - since their first meeting - Trudeau Junior has not said one word about this (Canadian) crisis. It boggles the mind to wonder how any B.C. person could vote Liberal.

5. From a Reader (in Ottawa): the $30+ billion/year given(unaccountably) to Quebec under the guise of the Equalization Formula, Health and Social Transfers, must be seen for what they are: blackmail to buy Quebec’s stay within the federation. It is Quebec’s "winning formula", having your cake and eating it too. Or, in better words, having their full independence while Ottawa (the rest of Canada) still foots the bills. Quebec with its barely 8 million people is the most pampered, the most subsidized member of the world’s Francophonie members. Let that sink in and then ask why is Quebec still adamant about turning Canada into an all-French empire? Turning Canada into a larger model of welfare-corrupted Quebec? "Wherever the left has gone, poverty has followed." It’s written large on the walls in Caracas as it is on the walls in Calgary and Edmonton.

6. From a Reader (in Saskatchewan): As of late I am reading "Green Tyranny" by Rubert Darwell. In it he explains in detail where climate change had its birth from 1930 Marxism. The green party transformed from Marxism (red is now green) with an end game of destroying capitalism. Industrialists are evil, destroying the world for profit.

**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. A NEW MUST WATCH VIDEO BY PAUL SAKS!  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-3mZJ6DFgE&feature=youtu.be

2. WHY "HAVE-NOT" QUEBEC’S ECONOMY IS ENJOYING ITS BEST BOOM EVER!  
3. MORE ELECTION BRIBES FOR QUEBEC

4. MORE PRE-ELECTION GOODIES FOR ONTARIO - $3 BILLION WORTH

5. GUNTER: QUEBEC'S LOVE OF EQUALIZATION AND HATRED OF PIPELINES
https://theprovince.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-quebecs-love-of-equalization-and-hatred-of-oil-pipelines/wcm/19be7d65-e124-4bf0-a63f-03a3bd824f41

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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