HELLO ALL (The Group of 7,840+ and growing):
ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS

The emails that Action Alberta sends out on a semi-regular basis are meant to raise difficult questions, discuss difficult issues and educate both Albertans and Canadians on what is really happening to Canada.

We understand that many of you may be uncomfortable discussing these questions and issues, particularly those of you who live outside Alberta. However, you are the readers that we are really trying to reach as we explain things from an Alberta perspective inside Canada.

Canada has everything that any other country would die for - vast lands and resources, clean air and clean water, incredible living standards and boundless opportunity. However, over the last few years, our federal and provincial politicians have put ALL of this at risk with their reckless spending and deficits, endless business killing regulations, their attack on the our energy business and continual subrogation of Canada to the dictates of the United Nations.

From a structural perspective, the Canada of confederation in 1867 (and later years as new provinces were added) looks completely different than the Canada of today, yet the governing structure and terms have not changed. Indeed, the confederation structure of 1867 no longer works and is fair not only to Alberta but many other provinces as well.

STARTING FROM SCRATCH - HOW WOULD WE RECONSTRUCT CONFEDERATION?

For just a moment, imagine that today Alberta and the other provinces and territories are all separate countries. They realize that it is difficult to operate as smaller separate countries, so they all meet to discuss a merger or "confederation" into a new single country. Let's call it "Kanada"!

What terms of this new confederation should Alberta agree to accept? Would Alberta accept the following terms?

1. an "equalization" formula that requires Alberta to subsidize many other provinces to the extent of about $20 billion per year with one of the largest
provinces to the extent of about $20 billion per year with one of the largest provinces (a perpetual ‘have not’) receiving 2/3 of the annual transfers, all as dictated by the federal government;

2. Senate representation that is 1/4 of two other provinces;

3. Senators that are appointed by the leader of the party in power;

4. trade that is NOT free across provincial borders;

5. the ability of any province or the federal government to prevent another province's natural resources from reaching tidewater and international markets;

6. a military that could likely field an army of only 5,000 on the battlefield;

7. reliance on other countries to defend it;

8. an open border allowing unlimited and uncontrolled "illegal" migration;

9. a requirement for provinces to be bilingual even though one of the two languages is not widely spoken in your province;

10. the ability of the federal government to run uncontrolled annual deficits and with no requirement to balance its budget;

11. excessive federal taxation rates;

12. taxes on energy needed for survival and commerce, based on the requirements of the United Nations; and

13. the ability of the new federal government to give away billions of dollars annually to foreign nations and entities.

Of course, Alberta (and most other provinces) would NOT accept those terms of confederation. However, as confederation has morphed over time, these are the terms we have today. Don’t you think that it is time to either renegotiate these terms of marriage so that they are fair to all provinces, OR file for divorce if fair and reasonable terms cannot be reached? YOU DECIDE!

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OUR READERS’ COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: I have wanted for some time to thank you and your cohorts for your important efforts. All of us were brought up with the notion of being proud citizens of a country known as Canada. But we have for decades suffered from abject failures of political leadership, to the extent now that the glue which defines any country has evaporated from Canada. Quebec has a
veto. Ontario has a veto. First Nations have a veto. Does that a viable country make? And those vetoes, historically covered up by governments in the back room, have come out of the closet in the assault on Alberta’s oil industry. We see first-hand glaring evidence of the difference in values and fundamental principles between eastern and western Canada. Those differences are now so extreme that Canada is really nothing more than a geographical name. The most repugnant of all is the political corruption embraced by central Canada. Your work is important for our future. Social media allows us to out flank legacy media bought by the likes of Trudeau and previous federal governments. Fight on!

2. From a Reader: I am fascinated by the east/west discombobulation. As a Calgarian who spent the entire summer in Ontario and who has many friends there, I was shocked time and again by the lack of knowledge, lack of understanding and lack of empathy of our eastern brethren. Eastern Canadians simply do not care that our O&G industry has been actively undermined by US interests (profit) and that Canadian politicians have been complicit in the theft of $billions from the Canadian economy.

3. From a Reader: Great articles. Well thought out. Personally, even with a PC win we should move forward and separate and not with B.C. Let them also separate and be independent. That way Alberta and Saskatchewan would not replace Ottawa with Victoria. All independent provinces and we can form a very limited partnership. Quebec will never change because it doesn’t have to. It already controls Canada and gets everything it wants! It’s just unofficial.

4. From a Reader: When a young Lawyer M.K. Gandhi decided to start a movement called ‘QUIT INDIA’ asking Britain to give India its independence, many Indians and the Brits laughed and ridiculed him but he stood his ground and stayed the course and the rest is history. I have always been a Canadian first then Albertan, but the indiscriminate ‘RAPE’ by the present Federal government specifically on this province is mind-boggling, and your proposal seem a viable option, although you need another leader like Gandhi to pull it off.

5. From a Reader: Where do I sign.......Quebec has stolen trillions of dollars from us for so many, many years.......the amount of money bilingualism has cost us is out of sight. I’ve never understood how ONE province could have so much power, PLUS be a have-not province???? To top things off, they dump
their “waste” in the St Lawrence......now that’s a lot of “waste”........they have such high opinions of themselves, so disgusting, so disgusting!! To leave them behind, where do I sign??

**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. **ACTION ALBERTA IS MAKING WAVES- at 1:35**

2. **REX MURPHY: WHY DON’T THE LIBERALS JUST DECLARE THE TRANS MOUNTAIN CHARADE OVER?**

3. **DANIELLE SMITH: I ALMOST FELT SORRY FOR JUSTIN TRUDEAU UNTIL I CAME TO MY SENSES**
   https://nationalpost.com/opinion/columnists/smith-i-almost-felt-sorry-for-trudeau-until-i-came-to-my-senses/wcm/54d0e63f-9bc9-4082-9cb3-6067e1fcd909

4. **OUTRAGEOUS: ALBERTA MAN TOLD OIL AND GAS SHIRT NOT ALLOWED IN SENATE**

**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!

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Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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