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HELLO ALL (The Group of now 10,000+ and growing):

A LETTER TO THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

**Dear Premier Kenney:**

**Re: Today, an Albertan First**

I have been a **resident in Alberta for 43 years, transplanted from Montreal/Toronto** and **never chose to return**. I just embraced the **strong spirit** of the people who I found to be directed in crafting solutions, and less on trying to polish excuses.

Today **a real fear in Albertans** undermines their enthusiasm and threatens them to a **life of uncertainty, poor retirement prospects and inadequate opportunities for their children**. It is hard to understand how a small Province like Alberta for so many years **shared its economic blessings** unselfishly with the rest of Canada even as today that we are forced to implement **cost cutting policies to basic services** designed to stop a **growing deficit**. All income generated from Provincial Oil and Gas resources is **Federally taxed**, and through complicated and misaligned formulas is then being distributed to other parts of Canada as **equalization payments**. **Quebec** says there is **no Social will to accept Alberta Oil**, but instead are patient until it is **converted into cash, then they accept it**. **Quebec** practices the **Art of being a “Have Not Province”** and has done so brilliantly for **over 40 years** without apologies, nor support to Alberta.

Our **Confederation** is nothing more than a **Partnership of once similar minded people** who believed the combination of their diverse forces would create a strong economic presence and would **promote opportunities to all its Partners equitably**. When Partnership is **no longer about shared interest but unilateral in interest**, then the cementing bonds underlying the Partnership become **dissolved**. Where risks and rewards should be shared, it is now unfortunate that we see risks and rewards becoming weighted disproportionately. Where one Partner **attacks** another for unilateral gains. Realistically, it can no longer be argued that **Canada is a Partnership** of common minded, common risk sharing interest groups. **Political expedience has taken over**, as you witness the economic thrust of the Oil and Gas Industry being **sabotaged by politicians** in British Columbia and Central Canada.

I have read that **you personally do not favour a referendum** to determine the independent direction for Alberta because **you are a “Federalist”**. This has a **disappointing** side to me. **I do not believe that Alberta voters in the last Provincial Election decided it was more important to elect a Federalist than a committed Defender of Alberta.** Currently I believe that those Alberta residents who voted for you and your Party did so because they believe they are **Albertans First, and Canadians Second.**

Our Federal Minority Government will not create any favourable alliances to Albertans as the **Environmental movement has gone mainstream**, and is now **big business**, well-funded and creates many **high paying jobs for its senior management much under an umbrella of secrecy and non-financial disclosure.** The very Albertans who might donate to **Green Peace** for whale protection could be **surprised to find their money is actually spent to finance anti-oil campaigns.** As Canadian we all acknowledge the importance of the **Trans-Canada Highway and the CP Rail System, neither of these two projects could be constructed today because of environmental privilege arguments supported at the Federal Level.**

Central Canada has **no urgent need or interest** to be really concerned about the Alberta Situation; **what happens in Alberta simply does not interfere in their daily lives.** They understand that on a Federal level, **Central Canada controls the political outcome for all Canadians** and that what is good for Central Canada had better be good for everybody else, but if not, then **who cares.**

We in Alberta do not share a history descriptively more different than the rest of Canada, so we likely cannot enjoin ourselves to the same argument as **Quebec as a “Nation within a Nation”**. It is however the **decimation of our future** within Confederation that makes **Alberta unique.** Over time there have been numerous industry interruptions that affected **east coast fishing**, British Columbia **lumber production** and **livestock** husbandry, but **no one ever tried to call a specific end to these industries like the Federal Government is doing to the Oil and Gas Business.**

I agree to your call for a panel to consider the merits of the **2001 “Firewall Letter”** and in due course **repatriate jobs to Alberta.** I would also be pleased for you to **consider setting up a committee to consider the “pros and**

**cons” of an Alberta that is in essence free of Canada’s Politics.** The purpose of this committee would be to expeditiously produce a report to **better educate all Albertans of what a separate Alberta would specifically mean to them.**

In the traditional Federalist view, the notion of **common values and principles united “coast to coast”** which recognize and embrace important regional initiatives has **now likely passed.** I encourage you to be **objective on this important matter.** We are no longer the Canada of 1867.

**Albertans are generally not prepared to endure another four years to the next Provincial Election without having experienced real political change in the contest of Alberta vs. Canada.**

Respectfully, you and your party have been **extended a mandate to defend Alberta,** knowing it is a difficult one, and the importance that follows for **effective solutions and moral strength** to make real long term changes in how Canada works with Alberta, or **an Alberta that works without Canada.** In closing, I remain hopeful that you are able to find your rightful direction at this divisive time in Alberta’s future and I thank you for putting yourself forefront to face the **attack against Alberta.** Take the courage that you are right, **Albertans have been betrayed by Canada.**

**Yours truly,  
Ted L. Samela  
Calgary Alberta  
(Today, an Albertan First)**

## **OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION**

**1. From a Reader:** For a Quebec Liberal Minister to say that "Alberta is just jealous of the extra powers that Quebec has" shows Quebec's disdainful attitude towards Canada, and their attitude regarding government in general. These powers I am referring to are not the things Alberta is now asking for, but the manipulative and corrupt power that has provided all the other extra and special concessions Canada has made to Quebec over the years (ex: forced bilingualism). Admitting that Quebec has extra powers over the rest of Canada and actually flaunting it proves a number of disturbing things. First, Quebec admits they have these special privileges that no one else has (and as we all

know, Quebec obtained these through nefarious and devious manipulations). Second, they see nothing wrong with one province in a Confederation being given more than the others and treated as special (as long as it's Quebec). Third, they are proud of the fact that they have swindled Canada and instead of being grateful they see it as a weakness in Canadian character that we gave into them. It is clear that Quebec has no concept of being a team player, of contributing to someone other than themselves, and believe that government is a feeding trough to be taken advantage of as much as possible. It is clear that Quebec believes anyone who doesn't take advantage of others is a gullible, naive "sucker".

**2. From a Reader:** I attended the Freedom Conference in Red Deer last weekend, the WEXIT rally in Calgary Saturday night, and the WEXIT townhall sponsored by Ezra Levant last night. All three were a packed house. It was good to see such large assemblages of thoughtful, committed Albertans. I hope and pray that we do not lose the resolve or the momentum this time!

**3. From a Reader: Here is the story of a young Albertan:**

Queens graduate engineer.

U of C MBA.

When he wrote the GMAT finished in the 97th percentile.

Fluently bilingual. Not a dumb guy.

**The result for this young Albertan:**

23-1/2 months of unemployment.

Too many coffees to count.

More networking disappointments than he had ever anticipated.

Severely depleted savings.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 job applications submitted, including many, many efforts to enter new industries.

A grand total of 6 job interviews, including a trip to Abu Dhabi and a position with ARAMCO that is still pending.

Two second place and one third place finishes in the hiring process.

One job finally secured!!

**4. From a Reader:** The climate change hysteria is simply a gigantic ideologically-based scam designed to enrich its promoters and to transfer wealth from wealthier to poorer nations. Serious scientists have dissected and discredited these unsupported climate claims many times - but hysteria is not rational and is difficult to overcome by rational argument.

**5. From a Reader:** Here' how Yale's Chief Investment Officer David Swensen — whose advice is well worth following on all things investment-related— put it last year: “If we stopped producing fossil fuels today we would all die. We wouldn't have food. We wouldn't have transportation. We wouldn't have heat. We wouldn't have air conditioning. We wouldn't have clothes. It's very nice to protest the fact that we have fossil fuel producers in the portfolio, but the real problem is the consumption, and everyone of us...is a consumer.”

## **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. CN STRIKE CAUSING 'EMERGENCY' SHORTAGES IN QUEBEC'S PROPANE SUPPLY** [Click here](#)

**2. WOULD ALBERTA JOIN CANADA?** [Click here](#)

**3. FOREIGN FINGERS IN THE PIE** [Click here](#)

**4. OUTSIDE HOUSING, CANADIAN CAPITAL GROWTH IS NEAR A 60-YEAR LOW** [Click here](#)

**5. THE U.S. JUST APPROVED FOUR MORE LNG PROJECTS** [Click here](#)

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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.

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

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