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HELLO ALL:

THE CANADIAN ECONOMIC TEETER TOTTER IS FAILING ALBERTA!
Are you wondering what the heck is happening with TECK? Why is this already another existential crisis to Alberta? Will this drama ever end?

The answer is NO. The Liberals nationalized and politicized the Alberta economy. The true reason behind their action though is not climate crisis but something more base and disturbing.

It is simple political self-interest. That self-interest is found in how the Canadian economy really works and why it necessitates keeping the west down, so the east can prosper and vote Liberal.

Canada has two major economies that act like a teeter-totter when tied together in a common currency. With a teeter totter of playground fame, as one end go up, the other end goes down and then it reverses to the joy of kids.

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At one end is the western economy, a resource-based economy, world class and highly productive that varies with commodity prices (oil and gas, agriculture, potash and lumber).

At the other end is the eastern economy, which is more diversified but is fundamentally a branch plant economy of US subsidiaries. It competes with Michigan, Ohio and other nearby states. It trades with those same mid-west industrial states. It is highly integrated with them and highly dependent on them.

The problem is the productivity of the eastern economy. Ontario’s productivity is equivalent to West Virginia and far behind Ohio, so it relies on a weak Canadian dollar to make up for the lack of productivity, just as Italy did by devaluing the Lira.

But when the western economy is strong, it drives up the Canadian dollar. That in turn drives down the competitiveness of the eastern economy. When the western economy is weak, the Canadian dollar goes down. That makes the eastern economy more competitive and it gains employment. Hence the teeter-totter.
Therefore, it is a completely logical economic-political strategy for the federal government to “kneecap” the western economy in order to push down the Canadian dollar to enhance competitiveness in Ontario and Quebec. It is not about saving the world’s climate (we only produce 1.79% of global emissions and can realistically have little impact). It is about the politics of self-interest of Eastern Canada. Kneecap the west and create employment in the branch plant economy of the east.

Bills C-48 and C-69 have the effect of nationalizing and politicizing the western economy. It is like putting a “DIAL” on the federal Cabinet table. The Prime Minister and Cabinet (mostly the PM) have direct control over which western projects they will approve and which they will reject. If the western economy gets too hot, the Cabinet turns down projects. If a project doesn't drive the dollar up, it may be approved. It is a direct way to manage the teeter totter to the benefit of their key political interest, the eastern Canadian economy.

The upcoming Teck Frontier oil sands project decision will be one of the first examples of how the Federal Government now has direct control of the Alberta economy. When politicians have that degree of control it becomes political. They can turn it down to benefit the east. They can use it to force policy decisions (environmental) or just make Alberta dance to whatever tune suits their pleasure. Alberta has been nationalized by the political masters.

The Feds supported Quebec’s claim of no social license to reign in the west. The conquest has been necessary because a win for the west is a loss for employment in the east.

Politically, Trudeau has to tie a vote for Conservatives to the cardinal sin of letting the western economy run, thereby pushing the eastern economy down. In the last election, Trudeau implored Quebec to help him stop the oil barons.

Albertans no longer control their economy. It has been nationalized. Today, we are no more than a colony of Central Canada.

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OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. **From a Reader:** If the swiving feds REJECT the multi-billion, job-creating Frontier Teck project, the REBELLION in Alberta will commence with FULL FORCE, no relenting. And that rebellion will take the form of a loud, echoing shout for SEPARATION of Alberta from the rest of the disfunctional Canadian society. We Albertans are independent and do NOT rely on government subsidies and grants. We want to develop our own resources for our own residents. I hope the people of Saskatchewan get the message and feel the same, failing which we will all be doomed! Don’t underestimate our strong will to accomplish our goal.

2. **From a Reader:** It’s extremely frustrating to see Federal Environment Minister Johnathan Wilkinson playing politics by tying the approval of Teck’s Frontier oil-sands project to Alberta’s commitment to climate change. Maybe he should look at the project from another perspective. The Frontier project is Alberta’s commitment to indigenous reconciliation, providing wealth and jobs as well as the opportunity to determine their own future. The courts have ruled that Ottawa has been historically negligent in its duty to Canada’s First Nations and so it seems incumbent on Provinces like Alberta to show the Trudeau Liberals what real reconciliation and self determination should look like.

3. **From a Reader:** If the numbers are correct in the 2009 Calgary Herald article by Licia Corbella, why has nothing been done to correct the situation. Petty politics and the fear of upsetting Quebec are again the reason that in the 11 years since this was written so much opportunity has been wasted. When can some real leaders put the country ahead of egos and just do what is so obviously needed? No one would ever run a business this way because the business would just fold. The dithering will continue is my guess. Too bad. We have the resources to be such a wealthy and prosperous country. Let’s keep up the fight for a UN seat. There’s a useless cause. Good for ego. When will some strong leader explain to all of Canada, everyone, what it takes and get on with it. A piker’s dream, as the Newfies would say. Where is the leader? Sure ain’t the kid we have now.

4. **From a Reader:** ALBERTA IS SCREWED: (a) The Teck project will not be approved; (b) Need to accelerate the constitutional review of Equalization –
which will fail; (c) When (a) and (b) are fait accompli, we need to expedite a secession referendum – “Alberta First” voter sentiments will then be at their highest; If (c) not successful (i.e., Kenney/UCP drop the ball or it is voted down by Albertans), then one needs to prepare for a life of perpetual servitude under the control of the Laurentian Elite and be prepared to sacrifice Alberta’s ever shrinking economy on the false and unproven altar of AGW.

5. From a Reader: Suzuki and other globalist climate change advocates have been very open as to the objective of the climate change agenda, “Capitalism — Not CO2 — is the Enemy”. And yet, so-called ‘conservative’ politicians buy into this hoax. Lacking discernment, cowardice or closeted globalists? Click here

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. GWYN MORGAN: CANADIANS WANT JOBS, NOT A UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT Click here

2. STEPHEN LEDREW: ENFORCE THE LAW - CLEAR THE BLOCKADES Click here

3. RICK BELL: ALBERTA FIRES BACK AT TRUDEAU, WON'T BE HELD HOSTAGE Click here

4. JACK MINTZ: SCRAP EQUALIZATION AND REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING BETTER Click here

5. RAINER KNOPFF: HERE'S HOW ALBERTA CAN FORCE THE PROVINCES TO RENEGOTIATE EQUALIZATION 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
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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