

November 30, 2016

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and our members, I would like to commend you on your government's approval of the Trans Mountain and Line 3 pipelines. We believe that ensuring a balance between environmental responsibility and economic concerns is the responsibility of all Canadians. We are pleased your government is recognizing this as well. No one in our country will be well served if we forfeit one in preference of the other.

It is important that Canada continue to keep its doors open to investment in all sectors. Your pipeline approval demonstrates that our country still welcomes investment in oil and gas, despite the changing regulatory/cost environment. Our membership is significantly concerned with the imposition of a carbon price, and the uncertainty around this is stalling investment plans in our province and hurting our residents. Perhaps more than any other province in Canada, Saskatchewan relies heavily on export. It is intertwined with everything we do and every business operating in Saskatchewan relies on our ability to export competitively. The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce has long argued that Canada should not be acting alone on explicit carbon pricing. Our position has been that, as an exporting nation, Canada needs its key trading partners to also commit to an equitable carbon pricing system to preserve the competitiveness of our country's exports. This is still an essential consideration and one that we urge your government to re-examine with regard to the implementation timeline for pan-Canadian carbon pricing.

Once again, we applaud your approval of the Trans Mountain and Line 3 pipelines, and we hope your balanced perceptive continues as your government examines the future of the Energy East pipeline. We believe that working to build investment in our oil and gas sector can benefit all Canadians and generate the wealth necessary to truly invest in the technology required for a greener future.

Sincerely,


Steve McLellan
Chief Executive Officer

cc. The Honourable James Carr, Minister of Natural Resources, Government of Canada
The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Member of Parliament – Regina – Wascana
The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Canada