



House of Commons
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RE: Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Morneau,

The recent Federal Court of Appeal ruling that means further delays to construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) is extremely discouraging and further adds to list of unsuccessful resource development projects within Canada.

We are writing, to ask that the Federal government engages fully to ensure the completion of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, supporting a sustainable Canadian economy through effective resource development.

The court's decision against the Trans Mountain Expansion Project is evidence that Canada's regulatory system is not only complex – it has proven difficult for the Government of Canada and the National Energy Board to meet the requirements on more than one occasion. As reported on August 31, 2018 by Scotiabank regarding the court ruling “...likely to delay a TMEP in-service date by at least one year and increases the likelihood that the project is abandoned altogether, joining the similarly ill-fated energy infrastructure projects like Northern Gateway and Energy East.”. The continued uncertainty of Canada's regulatory process will only further delay resource development, deter foreign investment and further erodes confidence in the Canadian economy.

The total capital spending of oil and natural gas industry has seen a significant decline in the past 4 years while capital spending in the United States has increased. The differences in capital spending of each country is related to regulatory framework. The Coalition supports an effective regulatory process that promotes responsible resource development for all Canadians, while promoting a strong Canadian economy, improving the quality of life for all Canadians through effective health care, education programs and improved regional and national transportation systems.

We acknowledge the Federal government's commitment to the TMEP through its purchase of the pipeline and now ask that the government work swiftly and effectively to see this project completed for the benefit of all Canadians.

Sincerely,



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