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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
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RE: Impacts to Canada's Economy

Dear Prime Minister:

The Resource Municipalities Coalition was formed by the City of Fort St John, District of Taylor, District of Tumbler Ridge, the District of Mackenzie and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality to promote responsible resource development.

We believe that responsible resource development within Canada should sustain communities by addressing impacts on ecosystems as well as cumulative impacts to a healthy natural environment and to citizens by ensuring the provision of effective social services that improve quality of life while building sustainable futures.

The development of the Coastal GasLink pipeline in northern British Columbia is applauded by the Resource Municipalities Coalition as the proponents of the pipeline engaged and consulted with twenty First Nations along the pipeline route to achieve agreements that protect the natural environment, ensure effective social services to citizens and, works to build a sustainable future that will improve the quality of life for all British Columbians and Canadians.

Recent protests across this great land, that we call home, and under the pretense that they are acting in solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en First Nation in northern British Columbia, are crippled the Canadian economy. Dialogue to resolve the protests is the preferred approach and should be actively pursued; however, recent conversations that have played out in the media suggest that unless the Province of British Columbia cancels the permits granted to the Coastal GasLink project, blockades will remain.

With a small group of activists being able to hold the Canadian economy hostage – the quality of life for millions of Canadians has been impacted. Canadian rail service and ports combined support the movement of \$1.1 trillion of merchandise annually, while the Via transportation networks meet the needs of an average of 4.4 million passengers annually. The Canadian economy should not be jeopardised by a small group of activists. These protest actions taken in recent weeks by activists has further eroded investor confidence in Canada's ability to meet the demands of our global economy and creates concern amongst Canadians, as to the country's ability to uphold the rule of law.

The Resource Municipalities Coalition is reaching out to you to encourage the Government of Canada to take decisive action to protect not only the rights of activists, but that of all hard-working Canadians that believe in a strong Canadian economy that improves the quality of life of all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,



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