

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

We, the undersigned Citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

Whereas:

- The Prime Minister has admitted his desire to phase out the oil sands,
- The government of Canada has engaged in deliberate measures which is harming Canadian province's ability to develop natural resources and is limiting their potential for economic growth, job creation, and capacity to generate wealth,
- The government's actions on the energy sector include:
  - The ban on tanker traffic in northern B.C.,
  - The cancellation of the Northern Gateway pipeline project for political reasons despite its environmental review and approval,
  - Engaging in policy and rhetoric which has divided Canadians by region, added ambiguity and uncertainty to the energy sector which has resulted in lost jobs and investment and cancelled projects like Energy East,
  - The adoption of Bill C-69 which creates a redundant and unnecessary energy regulator and adds further uncertainty and complication to an already fragile energy industry;
  - The inability or unwillingness to present a concrete plan to ensure the construction of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion and instead leaving Canadian taxpayers out of pocket billions for an existing pipeline which has resulted in lost jobs and further lost investment; and
  - The introduction of a Carbon Tax which is increasing the cost of living for all Canadians, discouraging investment in Canada and is doing nothing to help the environment
- Equalization payments, using revenue generated through the taxation of Canadian citizens is paying for provincial services across the country,
- The government of Canada expects provinces to continue to submit to an unfair equalization formula that provides benefit to other regions of the country while blocking attempts for province's to further their own economies and develop resources,
- The government of Canada discriminates against provinces that choose to develop their natural resources while rewarding those who rely on government transfers as opposed to diversifying their economies and;
- The current equalization formula treats provinces that develop their non-renewable energy resources, like oil and gas, unfairly when compared to other resources like hydro generated energy.

Therefore:

We the undersigned, **citizens and residents of Canada**, call upon the **Prime Minister of Canada** to immediately cancel Bill C-69 and launch a study into the economic impact of equalization including the examination of the formula, examination of how renewable and non-renewable resources, including energy resources that are both developed and undeveloped, are treated in the formula, and issue a report to Canadians on the fairness, effectiveness and outcomes of the equalization program.

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