

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,  
cc: Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources

House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I am writing to you today regarding the crucial importance of the Trans Mountain expansion project, first and foremost, as a concerned citizen of Canada. The lives and livelihoods of thousands of Canadians are being placed in jeopardy by the delayed construction of this project and the outright cancellation of other major Canadian pipelines.

The uncertainty facing an industry that is one of Canada's most prosperous cannot be overstated. Western Canadian crude supply is set to grow by nearly 40% by 2030 – from 3.98 million BPD to nearly 5.5 million BPD. Canada is already behind in terms of creating the export capacity we need to get these products to markets, Canadian and international. We are facing increasing competition from our number one customer, the United States. When the U.S. no longer needs our products, we will have no ability to find alternative buyers because we lack the capacity to ship meaningful amounts of our product to other markets. America is producing and exporting more oil and gas than ever before and its politicians are improving the country's investment prospects at every opportunity. An increasing regulatory burden and low prices spurred by lack of pipeline infrastructure are making it more and more difficult for oil and gas companies to do business in Canada and workers are paying the price.

37,000 odd Canadians will be employed by the construction and operation of the Trans Mountain expansion project. This is truly a nation-building opportunity, and multiple opinion polls show that the project has widespread support across many provinces and among First Nations and other communities along the pipeline route.

Thank you for keeping up the fight to get shovels in the ground for a project that will inject \$7.4 billion into the Canadian economy. I ask that you not only continue to speak truth to the small but vocal minority opposed to the project, but also back up your words with the meaningful actions of leaders who mean them. The narrow anti-development ideology that has already harmed our country by prompting the cancellation of several major pipeline projects that we so sorely needed must not be allowed to further delay Canada's economic development.

Sincerely,  
***[name, city and province]***