

A PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
A CALL TO ABANDON THE TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, it is essential that Canada keep its promise to be a world leader in the fight against climate change by committing to invest in clean energy jobs and reducing domestic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in accordance with the 2015 Paris Agreement;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada has agreed to purchase the Trans Mountain Pipeline from Kinder Morgan, a Texas-based oil company, for \$4.5 billion, which puts all the risk on Canadians, in a last-ditch effort to ensure the proposed pipeline expansion project is completed as planned;

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain poses a plethora of environment risks, including a threefold increase in the daily amount of oil produced by the pipeline which would drastically increase Canadian GHG emissions;

WHEREAS, the real cost to taxpayers for purchasing the pipeline and carrying out the related expansion could be as much as \$12 billion, which could be better used to fund pharmacare, childcare, and housing projects across Canada;

WHEREAS, scientists, First Nations, and local communities in British Columbia and across Canada have voiced their opposition to the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) calls for the right to self-governance and to free, prior and informed consent for Indigenous Peoples with regards to any and all decisions on issues that directly affect their communities;

THEREFORE, your petitioners call on the Government of Canada to reverse its decision to purchase the Trans Mountain Pipeline, to respect the rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to self-governance and free, prior and informed consent, and to abandon any and all plans to continue the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

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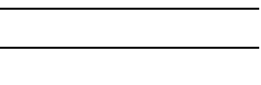
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