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Letter of Support: to the Kwantlen Student Association, PIPE UP Network, Kwantlen Public Interest Research Group, Students, Faculty and Staff of Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Dear friends, colleagues, and student body of Kwantlen Polytechnic University;

The Kwantlen First Nation has iterated and stood firm on its stance with regards to the Kinder-Morgan pipeline proposal, and remains firmly opposed to its presence in our unceded territories. At no point have Kinder-Morgan, its dubious counterpart, the National Energy Board, and of course our very own Federal Government acted in good faith in their conduct towards our community. No sincere consultation has taken place in our unceded territories, which Kwantlen Polytechnic University falls squarely on topographically.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University carries an Indigenous namesake, a name which is imbued and carries a lot of respect across this land, and is not to be taken lightly. Our community has worked hard, and continues to work hard at trying to maintain an authentic collaboration with Kwantlen Polytechnic University. This move flies in the face of that so-called collaboration.

Promises of short term gains, and minimal benefits to future and current students , will not provide wealth to any of these students in the long term, but this institution will merely provide grunt labour for temporary work along these pipelines, and at no point will the profits made by Kinder-Morgan ever return to or local, regional, and national economies, but will syphon up to a select few super-wealthy executives and stakeholders who aren't citizens or pay taxes into our economy.

By signing a memorandum of understanding without the prior and informed consent and approval from the Kwantlen First Nation, other Coast Salish communities in the vicinity of KPU, our support networks, community organizations, its student union, student run societies, faculties, and more importantly, from its student body, the leadership of this institution is endorsing the Kinder-Morgan pipeline proposal which has been met with great opposition across the province and country, and the outcomes have far more risks then possible rewards.

The Kwantlen First Nation will take a stand against this decision, and will stand united with the aforementioned groups in solidarity against this MOU and Kinder-Morgan.

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