

Whereas Utility Corridors will provide with an efficient, safe, and environmentally friendly way for a variety of industries including energy, utilities, and telecommunications to move products and services across borders to tidewater and other provinces: and

Whereas Canada produces energy products in an environmentally responsible way with high safety standards; and

Whereas the unfettered movement of resources within the nation is a principle of confederation, and benefits the economic prosperity and stability of all of Canada; and

Whereas a strongly unified Canada will ensure prosperity for Canadians in all regions; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has already signaled the importance of the development of pipelines in our nation through the purchase of the Trans Mountain Pipeline and its stated support for Keystone XL, Line 3, LNG Canada and the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line; and

Whereas the economic uncertainty caused by Bill C-48, the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act*, and Bill C-69, *An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*, have negatively affected investor confidence in Canada; and

Whereas Bills C-48 and C-69 have been met with opposition from industry, other levels of government, Indigenous groups, and the public; and

Whereas Bill C-48 unfairly targets Canadian oil production and damages the Canadian national interest by prohibiting the loading of Canadian oil at Canadian ports, but does not prohibit the transportation of foreign oil through Canadian waters; therefore be it:

Resolved THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocated to the Federal Government to work with provinces, municipalities, and Indigenous groups to establish national utility corridors, which includes pipelines such as the Trans-Mountain Pipeline, and other resource and utility structures, from coast to coast to coast as a national priority; and be it further

Resolved that the Federation for Canadian Municipalities advocate to the Federal Government for the repeal or amendment of Bills C-48 and C-69 to help restore investor confidence and ensure the construction of future infrastructure that is in the national interest.

Background

The energy industry employees over half a million people in Canada. This includes people in every province or territory. These workers are typically middle-class Canadians who are highly skilled in their field.

The Canadian Government has signaled its support for pipelines in Canada through its purchase of the Trans mountain pipeline. It has also voiced its support for other initiatives such as Keystone XL, Line 3, LNG Canada and the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line. These are all important projects that

deserve the support of all Canadians. They will continue the ethical and environmentally responsible development and safe transportation for our country's energy products to current and new markets.

On December 2, 2019 the Premiers of Canada released a statement through the Council of the Federation on a number of items, including growing the economy. The Premiers of Canada are united in their position that Canada, including the Federal Government, must take immediate action to enhance Canada's economic competitiveness. This includes continuing the responsible development of our natural resources, expanding international trade, and removing protectionist restrictions on our goods.

The establishment of utility corridors that include energy projects, utilities, communication products, and an opportunity for a variety of other industries will aid in the vision laid out by the Premiers in their December 2 statement. By providing a responsible, preapproved regulatory system, these corridors may facilitate the development of important infrastructure in Canada.

Bills C-48 and C-69 will have a significant impact on the Canadian economy and are negatively affecting investor confidence. The impacts of this legislation are already being realized with numerous projects being put on hold or being stopped. Items that were previously approved and any subsequent investments are being reviewed and scrutinized.

Bill C-48 will work against getting Canadian energy products to new markets, handcuffing Canadian energy to be sold at a lower price and only to one customer. This is not sustainable. Bill C-69 will add another layer of unnecessary approvals to projects, making the development of new projects extremely difficult and in many instances, impossible. In addition, the legislation has served to sow division in Canada.

While the global energy mix will certainly shift of the next 20 years, the global requirement for traditional energy products is not projected to drop, but rather to rise over the next 20 years. The total energy required globally will increase at approximately 1% a year, every year. Renewable energy, while an important industry that should be developed, cannot fulfill the global energy demand for the foreseeable future. These bills have served to only restrict Canadian goods from getting to market while allowing energy products from countries, that do not develop their resources to the same environmental standards, into Canada, further increases the environmental impact of unethically produced energy products.