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Hon. Margaret McCuaig-Boyd
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Dear Ms. McCuaig-Boyd,

I am writing this letter as the President of the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce on behalf of our 570 business members. It is critically important that I seek your support for the Canadian energy projects.

As you know heavy oil exploration, development and production is the backbone of the Lloydminster and region's economy. We accept that the downturn is caused by the low commodity prices but it is difficult to understand the lack of support by the other provinces for the energy project, which would ultimately also benefit from the development of these key pipeline projects. We are relying on your leadership to keep pushing for these projects.

The International Energy Agency projects that the demand for oil and gas in the world will only continue to grow. With the low energy prices this is the right time to develop pipeline projects because it takes several years to construct. By the time the projects are ready, Canada will be able to ramp up production and all Canadians will enjoy the prosperity for many generations to come. This is the time for all provinces (particularly B.C and Québec) to show leadership and support for the construction of pipeline projects. It should be recognized that if we don't develop our resources the gap in the world supply will definitely be filled up by some other country.

Attached is a policy resolution from the Alberta Chamber of Commerce policy book. The policy speaks to the fact that Canada has an abundance of natural resources that generate direct wealth for Canadians through production and export. Increasingly, these commodities represent a large contribution to Canada's economic growth; however, Canada still spends \$26 billion on oil imports annually. Access to markets for commodities, specifically oil and gas, represents a significant obstacle in Canada's ability to secure a competitive position in the global economy. Furthermore, failure to develop these projects leads to negative impacts on Canadian businesses and ultimately their families.

Please take the time to review the policy and provide us with assistance in advocating on this very important issue. We appreciate the work you do in support of our energy industry. Please continue to fight to keep Canadian oil and gas jobs by getting new pipelines and markets for our oil. I hope you will support making February 13th 2017 Oil and Gas Awareness Day.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kraft, President
Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce