



Premier of Alberta

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The Hon Peter Harder PC
Senator
Government Representative in the Senate
Senate of Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Senator Harder:

We are writing on behalf of the Government, Official Opposition, and the third and fourth parties in the Province of Alberta. Collectively, our four parties received 98 per cent of the votes in the recent Alberta General Election. Despite our many differences on matters of policy, our four parties are unified in our profound concern about Bills C-48 and C-69, which are currently before the Senate of Canada.

As you know, the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications voted on Wednesday, May 15, to recommend against proceeding with Bill C-48, the so-called *Tanker Ban Bill*. Albertans are deeply concerned about this legislation, which we see as a direct and discriminatory attack on one of Alberta's principal natural resources, the bitumen produced in Alberta's oilsands. The so-called *Tanker Ban Bill* would not prevent tankers from transiting British Columbia's coastal waterways (and in fact could not under international law). Nor does it prevent tankers from loading other products, such as liquefied natural gas, from B.C. ports. It would only prevent a narrow category of products, almost exclusively produced in Alberta, from being loaded into tankers to be able to reach international markets. We urge you, and the entire Senate of Canada, to respect the decision of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications and not proceed with Bill C-48 and let this unjust and discriminatory legislation die on the Order Paper.

Similarly, we understand that the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, meeting at clause-by-clause stage, has adopted substantial amendments to Bill C-69, the *Impact Assessment Act*, which are aligned with the recommended amendments of the Government of Alberta and significant stakeholder groups such as the Canadian Energy Pipelines Association and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. While we remain concerned about the overall spirit of Bill C-69, we believe that with the inclusion of all of these amendments,

that the bill would be acceptable to the interests of Albertans. Therefore we call upon the entire Senate to likewise respect the deliberations of the Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources and vote in favour of the entirety of this amendment package. Otherwise, we would urge all Senators to reject this bill, which in its unamended form would seriously threaten Alberta's exclusive provincial jurisdiction over the regulation of the production of non-renewable natural resources and present insurmountable roadblocks for the proponents of major resource development projects, further jeopardizing jobs and investor confidence.

On behalf of the Province of Alberta, we urge the Senate of Canada to respect the diligent work of its own standing committees, and to defeat Bill C-48 outright and to reject Bill C-69 unless it accepts the totality of the Committee's amendments.

Sincerely,



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Premier of Alberta



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