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The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., K.C., M.P.

President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade,
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Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (EPAC) in response to the notice published in *Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 160, Number 31: SUPPLEMENT* on August 1, 2026, regarding the proposed West Coast Oil Pipeline (the Pipeline).

EPAC represents more than 80 upstream oil and natural gas producers that collectively produce more than 65 per cent of Canada's natural gas and more than 40 per cent of the country's oil. They employ tens of thousands of Canadians, attract billions of dollars in capital investment, and contribute billions of dollars in taxes and royalties to federal and provincial governments on an annual basis.

EPAC is supportive of the listing of the Pipeline in Schedule 1 of the *Building Canada Act*, and believes the project supports the objectives of the Act and properly meets the definition of a project of national interest. Furthermore, EPAC anticipates that its members will commit volumes to the Pipeline in support of the objectives of the governments of Canada and Alberta in increasing production and diversifying markets to grow and protect the Canadian economy.

In filing its *Submission by the Government of Alberta to the Major Projects Office for Listing Under the Building Canada Act*, the Government of Alberta has clearly demonstrated that the Pipeline will strengthen Canada's autonomy, resilience and security, provide economic and other benefits to Canada, have a high likelihood of successful execution, advance the interests of Indigenous peoples, and contribute to clean growth.

The listing is also critical to demonstrate to international investors that Canada can once again successfully and quickly execute on major projects and sends a much-needed positive signal to international allies that Canada is a committed partner in meeting world's energy and security needs.

Sincerely,



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