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Dear Colleague:

Thank you very much for writing to me to express your views regarding the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.

Our government firmly believes that the Trans Mountain Expansion Project is in Canada's national interest. It means thousands of good, well-paying jobs for hard-working Canadians in British Columbia and across the country. The kind of jobs that strengthen and grow the middle class.

This project is made possible because of Canada's world-leading Oceans Protection Plan. On that note, we have made an historic investment in the \$1.5 billion national Oceans Protection Plan to safeguard our coasts in a modern and advanced way that ensures environmental sustainability, safe and responsible commercial use, and collaboration with coastal and Indigenous communities. Furthermore, we have partnered with Indigenous communities to ensure effective oversight and monitoring of energy projects over their full lifecycle. Pipeline safety and environmental protection are a crucial part of resource development.

This is a country where it is possible to protect the environment and grow the economy at the same time. The Trans Mountain Expansion Project was approved by both the federal government and the province of British Columbia, following the most rigorous process and environmental assessment in Canadian history. It was approved, and now it needs to be built, so that we can diversify our economy by expanding our exports to countries other than the United States.

On May 29, 2018, we announced that our government has reached an agreement with Kinder Morgan that will get the Trans Mountain Expansion built, guarantee the summer construction season, and protect up to 15,000 good, well-paying jobs – including 9,000 jobs in British Columbia.

We are able to pursue this project with confidence, because we know that we are upholding the trust Canadians have placed in us to both grow our economy and protect our environment.

Please accept my best regards, and thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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