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Minister James Gordon Carr
Ministry of Natural Resources
Government of Canada

Re: NSBA Support for the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project

Dear Minister Carr,

The North Saskatoon Business Association (NSBA) is a member-driven and focused organization that serves, promotes, and protects business throughout Saskatoon and beyond. Although our origins and roots are in Saskatoon's northern industrial region, today we encompass far more than that. From its grassroots origins of a handful of businesses, today's NSBA consists of a membership in excess of 750 companies. Members range from single owner-operator proprietorships to large multinational corporations that employ thousands. Despite this diversity, there is a core element within the NSBA membership that is centered on industrial service and supply.

On behalf of the NSBA membership, I would like to thank you for your leadership and vision in the process of approving the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project. Any infrastructure requires renewal to safely, competitively, and sustainably grow Canada's economy. Using pipelines is by far the safest and most effective means of transporting hydrocarbons and the lowest transportation producer of greenhouse gases. We would like to thank you for the recognition of these facts and hope that such knowledge will lead to similar decisions in the future. In particular, I would encourage your government to also approve the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline, as these same facts and benefits would only be further enhanced, resulting in even greater economic benefits for all Canadians.

Renewing and updating the pipeline and its related safety and other infrastructure will help continue the safe transportation of oil and increase the protection of the environment along its existing route. Enbridge has been transparent in its project planning and responsive to enquiries. There is significant potential for local businesses, many of which are Aboriginal-owned, to benefit from this project. In addition to business development, there are opportunities for related employment, tax-base improvements, training and other socio-economic benefits. Thanks again for your leadership on this file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Moen', written in a cursive style.

Keith Moen
Executive Director

cc: Lydia Scratch, Enbridge
Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan

"Supporting Saskatoon's Business Community"