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## Response to Trans Mountain Pipeline Court Decision

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Thank you for taking the time recently to visit our beautiful city of Saskatoon. In future visits, I would be pleased to meet with you on behalf of our membership to discuss challenges and opportunities within our marketplace and economy.

The membership I represent is known as the NSBA, which is very well-known locally as the voice of business. We are a member-driven and focused organization that serves, promotes, and protects business throughout Saskatoon and beyond. Although our grassroots and origins consisted of a handful of businesses from Saskatoon's north industrial area, today's NSBA is much more than that. We have a vibrant, growing membership in excess of 750 companies in industries and sectors spanning the regional economy. Members range from single owner-operator proprietorships to large multinational corporations that employ thousands. Within our membership is a large concentration of owner-managed businesses, founded and overseen by entrepreneurs.

With abundant oil resources and a significant industry and supply chain based on extraction of this resource, it is with great interest that the NSBA and Saskatchewan businesses continue to monitor the developments surrounding the Trans Mountain pipeline project. Not only will this project open up new markets for Canadian resources and allow producers to lower the market price differential, but it will also have safety benefits to Canadian cities like Saskatoon that see large amounts of oil shipped by rail on a daily basis.

While to this point the NSBA has disagreed with many of the actions taken by the government to ensure this project moves forward, we acknowledge and respect the commitment you have shown to this project and your understanding of its importance to our country's economy. We encourage you to continue to view the project this way and to not be deterred in bringing it to completion despite the seeming obstacles.

The recent federal court decision stopping construction of the project is one of those obstacles. However, we believe that this obstacle is far from insurmountable, despite the inevitable construction delay that has resulted. Numerous respected sources across the country, such as the Canada West Foundation, Premier Scott Moe, and Senator Doug Black, have posited paths forward that would allow the project to be put back on track, including legislation, following through on the court recommendations, or even appealing to the Supreme Court.

As such, we strongly encourage you to show your commitment to the Trans Mountain project and take firm action to resume construction in the most expedient way possible. Each day that this pipeline is not operational is a lost opportunity for our country's economy. What is important in this moment is *that* construction is restarted and not *how* construction is restarted. As Prime Minister, you are well aware of the

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tools and means available to your government and we ask you to put them into action for the betterment of our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Moen', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Keith Moen  
Executive Director

Cc/ The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Natural Resources  
The Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan  
The Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta



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