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Communication Regarding Bills C-69 and C-48

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Dear Premiers,

The NSBA, a Saskatoon-based business association which is well-known provincially for its strong business voice, would like to thank and congratulate you for your public position on Bills C-69 and C-48. Your collective position echoes the thoughts and position of our membership on these bills.

We applaud your leadership on these files and agree with your conclusion that, unchanged, these Bills will have a massive negative impact on our nation. As an association that represents a large number of companies that operate in the oil, gas, and mining supply chains we hear on a daily basis how these Bills would have a direct negative impact on businesses and workers in our city. Therefore, it has been disappointing to see the federal government continue to push these policies and, consequently, refreshing to see a united front of provinces standing in opposition.

While the NSBA has submitted comments and made appearances at the relevant Standing Senate Committees, the public profile afforded by your collective action is very much appreciated. Your position showcases that support for these Bills is hardly unanimous across Canada and we again applaud you for speaking out on these issues on behalf of your constituents.

For reference, the NSBA is 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.

If there is any assistance that our association can provide on these files moving forward, please do not hesitate to ask for our support.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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