

April 13, 2018

The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau and Cabinet
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent via email

Subject: Open Letter

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Cabinet,

Earlier this week Kinder Morgan announced its intention to suspend all non-essential spending on the federally and provincially approved Trans Mountain Pipeline project citing “unquantifiable risk” as a result of the continuing uncertainty that prevails over this file. This announcement is of concern to our members and we call upon you to clear the way for this project to proceed, as it is of great national interest.

Having gone through rigorous reviews, including four years of consultation and numerous federal and provincial conditions, all efforts should now be placed on the execution of this project. Otherwise, this could have far reaching implications on Canada’s global reputation as a preferred place to do business.

Many small and medium-sized business owners, construction workers, people who support their families in manufacturing, and Indigenous Nations are now caught because of the new level of uncertainty surrounding the project’s future.

As recently stated by Cabinet members, including Minister Carr and Minister Morneau, it is now incumbent upon the government:

- to “stand behind its decision to support the pipeline”;
- to prove it is “100 per cent behind the project”; and,
- to “consider (in the very short term) “all options -- legal, regulatory and financial -- to ensure the project is completed.”

In the interest of all Canadians, your government must now make this issue a top priority. Investor confidence is essential to creating jobs, supporting middle class and healthy communities. As such our membership expects this government to take action without any further delays and use all the powers at its disposal to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Flamand', enclosed within a light gray rectangular box.

Dave Flamand
President/Chairman of the Board