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His Worship Craig Copeland
Mayor of the City of Cold Lake
5513 – 48 Avenue
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 28, 2018, in which you provide views on the proposed Impact Assessment Act. I regret the delay in responding.

The House of Commons has concluded its review of Bill C-69. Based on feedback heard from Indigenous Peoples, industry stakeholders, and the broader public during meetings of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, as well as feedback from Parliamentarians and the Government, 135 amendments were made to the Bill. The amendments, many with unanimous support, add further clarity on the planning process, greater predictability, clarified timelines and transitional provisions, and better reflect the Government's commitment to reconciliation and to environmental protection.

The proposed Impact Assessment Act lays out an approach to impact assessment recognizing that the environment and the economy must work together to build a sustainable future. Our new approach will consider how proposed projects could affect not only our environment, but also economic, social and health impacts, as well as those on Indigenous Peoples, over the long-term.

The new Impact Assessment Agency of Canada would be responsible for leading impact assessments of designated projects. For reviews of major energy projects, the Agency will lead the integrated assessment of designated projects and work collaboratively with lifecycle regulators, like the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER), to draw upon their expertise and ensure safety and other key regulatory factors are considered as part of a single, integrated review. The single, integrated assessment for designated projects would be conducted through a panel review process and fulfill the requirements of all relevant Acts.

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Under the proposed approach, impact assessments will be more predictable and timely, with greater clarity from the start through better planning and engagement, and increased opportunity for Indigenous engagement and partnership throughout the process. With the principle of "one project, one review," we will cooperate and coordinate with other jurisdictions to provide regulatory certainty to companies and avoid duplication in assessments of proposed projects.

Bill C-69 is currently before the Senate for review. I encourage you to visit <http://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&billId=9630600> for more information and to stay up to date on the Parliamentary process. Further information on this review can also be found at Canada.ca/environmentalreviews.

Thank you for providing me with your views.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. McKenna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.