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Via email: [Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Catherine.McKenna@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, MP  
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Environment and Climate Change Canada  
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RE: Bill C-69

*Catherine*  
Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing to inform you of concerns felt in our community surrounding the impacts that Bill C-69 will have on the City of Cold Lake, the province of Alberta, and the Canadian economy, should it come into force.

For the past several years, our community has been devastated by a flagging economy and residents have been holding onto hope that at least one of several major energy projects planned in the region will go ahead with construction. It seems, however, that confidence in the government's ability to fairly regulate the approval process – including the pipelines required to transport the product to market safely – is at an all-time low.

Billions of dollars in energy projects in the Cold Lake Oil Sands are being shelved or significantly scaled back, and hope for an economic recovery in our region is failing.

Bill C-69 and the approval process it outlines have not alleviated these concerns. In fact, the concerns for future projects under this proposed approval regime are only growing. It seems that the government has not been able to convince investors that the new approval process will be able to manage Canada's lengthy, costly reviews, nor that will it isolate the approval process from political decisions.

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Our region and the industry upon which we rely are already reeling from the uncertainty felt in the market place. Uncertainty in the Government of Canada's commitment to fairly regulate energy approvals, complied by unfulfilled promises and unseen results regarding other pipeline projects, have served only to starve our hopes for a return to prosperity.

The energy industry fuels our economy, brings great benefit to Alberta, and carries positive impacts felt across our nation. It is my hope that the Canadian Government can find a solution to revitalize, rather than stifle, Canada's energy industry. Bill C-69 in its present form is not that solution.

Best regards,

Craig Copeland  
Mayor, City of Cold Lake

Cc: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Mr. David Yurdiga, Member of Parliament for Fort McMurray-Cold Lake  
The Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks  
Mr. Ed Fast, Member of Parliament for Abbotsford and  
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