



April 11, 2018

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

On behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), the members of the National Board and our roughly 2,500 direct members across the country, we are writing to you regarding the recent decision of Kinder Morgan Canada to suspend all non-essential activities and spending on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. We are urging the federal government to intervene in this issue and help get the Trans Mountain Expansion Project built.

Kinder Morgan's regrettable decision reinforces the need for immediate and decisive action from the federal government and for the development of a strong and effective national framework to support pipeline and energy development across Canada.

Manufacturing is a critical driver of innovation, prosperity and jobs in Canada. Throughout its integrated operations and supply chains, including natural resources such as the oil sands, the sector today directly and indirectly accounts for nearly 30 per cent of all economic activity and over 25 per cent of employment. Our members also directly account for 35 per cent of all private-sector research and development, and 75 per cent of all exports.

At the source of this critical economic contribution is the manufacturers' ability to harness our natural resources by developing new extractive technologies and by transforming them into value-added goods which are exported at a premium to global markets. Manufacturers in all provinces benefit from oil sands development and exports through the supply of various technologies, goods and services. We strongly believe that resource development, as in our past, is a key component of Canada's future growth and prosperity.

The Trans Mountain Expansion Project is critical for our economy and for the hundreds of thousands of Canadians that are directly and indirectly employed by the sector to continue to develop and export our resources. Without access to foreign markets, Canadian manufacturers cannot capitalize on the significant opportunities of our natural resource sector.



We again are urging your government to take all steps possible to ensure that this pipeline is built, effective regulatory processes are followed, and that business can be assured of a stable and predictable business climate across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources  
The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade