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

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Dear Prime Minister:

As President of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), I am writing to you on behalf of our Board and our members, including the undersigned municipalities from across Alberta, regarding the important issue of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project.

At AUMA's 2017 Convention, nearly 1,100 councillors and mayors representing urban municipalities of all sizes across Alberta voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution supporting the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion and urging our federal government and the Government of Alberta to ensure that the pipeline is built.

We understand it is the federal government who has ultimate jurisdiction on interprovincial trade. This is critical to our confederation. The diverse nature of our provinces and their competing economic and political interests require a broader national view with the authority to protect the national interest. This is one of the bedrocks of our great nation, and why your support and intervention is so critical. We recognize the efforts you have already undertaken by putting in place a rigorous approval process, acknowledging that this project is in the national interest, and approving the project to move forward.

The Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion has faced one of the most rigorous reviews of any pipeline project in our nation's history, a process unmatched anywhere else in the world. There has been an extensive multi-year regulatory process and expert review of the environmental and safety impacts by the National Energy Board, which placed 157 conditions on the project that Trans Mountain has met. The project received the approval of the National Energy Board only after extensive consultations with the three orders of government, indigenous communities, and landowners. The project also passed assessments by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office and Transport Canada.

As municipal leaders, we know full well the impacts a project of this magnitude can have on our province and on our communities. As municipalities, we are the first responders to emergency events and have to always the safety of our communities in mind. We know the challenge of making sound decisions in land use planning to balance growth and protecting the environment, as we face them every day. But we also understand the benefits.

## **Economic**

In Alberta alone, we expect municipalities will collect \$124 million in taxes over 20 years from the operations of the Trans Mountain Pipeline. This increased revenue will reduce the tax burden on our residents, and provide funding to build and maintain important municipal infrastructure, such as transportation, recreation, and housing.

At a national level, the Trans Mountain expansion is a \$7.4 billion project that will create short-term construction jobs but also significant long-term employment along the route and at the Burnaby terminal. And it will take an important step in addressing the large gap between global oil prices and what Canadian companies can get for their product.

## **Environmental**

From a municipal perspective, pipelines are the safest way to transport oil. With the growing pressure on our existing pipeline infrastructure, more and more oil companies are being forced to turn to rail and trucks to transport their product to market. These methods often take products through municipalities, and have a greater risk of an incident that could impact people and property. In the case of Trans Mountain, they are utilizing the existing route, which will reduce the overall impact to land development. Across the board, we know pipelines are safer, cheaper and generate fewer emissions than the alternatives.

The undersigned represent the branch of government closest to the residents of Alberta and the communities that will be impacted by and benefit from this project. We offer our voices in support of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project and in your government's efforts to bring this project to fruition to the benefit of all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Barry Morishita AUMA President

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me by email at <a href="mailto:president@auma.ca">president@auma.ca</a> or my cell phone at (403) 363-9224.

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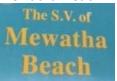
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