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The Chamber Launches National Letter Writing Campaign in Support of Energy East Pipeline

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Saint John, NB – The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce, together with the Alberta Chambers of Commerce, today announced the launch of a national letter writing campaign to Members of Parliament in support of the proposed Energy East Pipeline project. The collaborative initiative by chambers of commerce will provide an efficient and effective way for citizens across the nation to express their support for Energy East.

The initiative is open to all Canadians– you don't have to be a Chamber member to participate.

Supporters will find a pre-scripted letter and email links to their local Members of Parliament on a dedicated website page at www.TheChamberSJ.com. With just a few clicks, citizens can send a tangible message of support for Energy East to our Federal government.

Recognizing that government has identified "Social License" as important criteria for approval of the Energy East project, this letter-writing campaign is an opportunity for members of communities across Canada to voice their support and demonstrate social license for the proposed pipeline.

"Our members have told us loud and clear that they support decreasing our dependence on foreign oil and adding billions of dollars back into our own economy to be invested where most needed – right here in Canada, said Dick Daigle, Chair of the Chamber. "We are at a pivotal point on this matter, and to achieve our goal we need the support of our entire community to help keep the momentum moving forward."

Alberta Chambers of Commerce President and CEO Ken Kobly points to the importance of the project and energy infrastructure to Canadians' long term prosperity, "Energy East is a particularly valuable project for the nation, as a whole, because it will strengthen our regional connections and ensure the economic benefits of our national resources are shared by all Canadians. We need government to support projects that complement and reinforce the interconnectivity of our national economy."

With the latest announcement that the entire process is starting from square one, it's critical that we defend this nation-building project, which will move about 1.1 million barrels of Canadian oil from Alberta and Saskatchewan to refineries in Eastern Canada and a marine terminal in New Brunswick, including to Canada's largest refinery, right here in Saint John.

"We cannot allow this project to lose momentum due to inactivity," said David Duplisea CEO of the Chamber. "We must keep a project of this significance top-of-mind and show government that Canadians want this project to move forward."



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Saint John-Rothesay MP Wayne Long supports the initiative and adds, “I fully support the Energy East Pipeline and have advocated for it since being elected. There isn’t a week that goes by where I am not involved in lobbying for it. I believe in the process and hope for a positive decision once all of the stakeholders have been heard from.”

The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce is a nationally accredited business organization dedicated to fostering an economic climate that enhances growth, prosperity, and an improved quality of life in the community. The Chamber is a dynamic advocate and the principal voice for the business community of Greater Saint John. It offers a variety of programs, activities, services, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the business prospects of members and the overall business climate of the area.

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