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To the signatories of the Confidence in Canada campaign:

On behalf of Canada's Conservatives and the Official Opposition, I welcome your call to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Cabinet to take immediate action and resolve the Trans Mountain pipeline crisis.

Representing over 70 business, industry and community groups – and growing – your voice is critical in making clear to the Prime Minister what is at stake in this dispute. With Kinder Morgan's announcement that they have suspended non-essential spending on the pipeline, it is not just one project at risk. Canada's international reputation as a safe place to invest is being seriously jeopardized by this ongoing dispute.

Sadly, Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government have failed to demonstrate any leadership in ending this conflict and getting this pipeline under construction. Justin Trudeau's failed policies have contributed to the greatest decline in Canadian energy investment in 70 years – a loss of \$80 billion - and resulted in more than 110,000 energy workers losing their jobs.

Justin Trudeau has already vetoed the approved Northern Gateway pipeline, and killed the Energy East pipeline with last minute rule changes that impose new regulatory burdens that do not apply to imported energy, or indeed any other sector of the Canadian economy. Meanwhile, he declared "social license" a prerequisite for major projects, which has had the dual effect of emboldening pipeline opponents while creating more investor confusion.

Worse still, Justin Trudeau's damaging policies have added to the uncertainty and instability facing the resource sector. The new regulatory burdens created by Bill C-69 dealt a massive blow to investor confidence in Canada and will only make Canada less competitive in the face of a resurgent American economy based on fewer regulations and lower taxes. The forecast is already gloomy – foreign direct investment fell by 42% in 2016 in Canada, and then a further 27% in 2017. Trudeau's national carbon tax scheme is increasing the cost of doing business at a time when workers and business owners can least afford it.



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Despite an emergency Cabinet meeting and Finance Minister Morneau's discussion with Premier Notley, the Liberals have refused to tell Canadians what actions they will take to get the Trans Mountain pipeline built. The responsibility for these developments lies squarely on Justin Trudeau's shoulders. The Liberal government has provided no action, only empty words – and Canadian workers, families and businesses are paying the price. This lack of leadership from the Prime Minister is already sending shockwaves throughout the Canadian economy.

Canada's Conservatives will always stand up for our resource sector, and the jobs and prosperity it brings to people and communities across our country. For months, we have called on the government to develop a plan to make this project a priority. Sadly, Justin Trudeau has ignored those calls, and continues to throw roadblocks in the way of the Canadian natural resource industry.

Your voice will be an important one in ensuring this issue is no longer ignored. You have our unequivocal support in your call for immediate action to see the Trans Mountain pipeline project brought to completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Scheer', written in a cursive style.

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