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Mr. R.J. Schutzman, P.Eng.
Chair
Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
Environment Committee
1630 - 1920 Broad Street
Regina SK S4P 3V2

Dear Mr. Schutzman:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 26, 2018, in which you provide views on the proposed Impact Assessment Act. As your letter provides views on issues across all four of the reviews I have sent a copy of our correspondence to the Honourable Marc Garneau, the Honourable Jim Carr and the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, for their information.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development concluded its clause by clause review of Bill C-69 on May 22, 2018. The Committee's report, which has been submitted to Parliament, proposes several amendments that respond to the issues raised in your letter, such as inclusion of shortened timelines and factors to consider in decision-making. To read the Committee's report, please visit <http://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/ENVI/report-15/>.

The proposed Impact Assessment Act lays out an approach to impact assessment that recognizes that the environment and the economy must work together to build a sustainable future. Our new approach will consider how proposed projects could affect not just our environment, but also economic, social and health impacts, as well as impacts on Indigenous peoples, over the long-term.

Under the proposed approach, impact assessments will be more predictable and timely, with greater clarity from the start through better planning and engagement. Shorter legislated timelines will keep the new process on track and predictable. With the principle of 'one project, one review' we will cooperate and coordinate with other jurisdictions to provide regulatory certainty to companies and avoid duplication in assessments of proposed projects.

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I appreciate the time that the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce took to meet with me last July in Regina and for all your effort in engaging in this review specifically, to express your views to the Committee during its review of the bill.

Bill C-69 is currently being considered by Parliament. I encourage you to visit www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&billId=9630600 for more information and to stay up to date on this process.

Thank you for providing me with your views, for more information on this review, please visit Canada.ca/environmentalreviews.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.