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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for your letter and for expressing your concerns on Bill C-69, changes to the *Navigation Protection Act*. I have received several letters from my constituents and Canadians across the country on this issue and I am pleased to offer my thoughts.

At the outset, I will say that Canada's Conservatives are strongly opposed to Bill C-69 and for a number of reasons.

The *Navigation Protection Act* and its predecessor, the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, were designed to protect navigation and commercial shipping. Unfortunately, the new and stringent regulatory burdens that Justin Trudeau and this Liberal Government are proposing, combined with a federal carbon tax, will severely damage Canada's ability to be competitive on the world stage and will not enhance environmental protection.

Canada's Conservatives understand the importance of providing regulatory certainty and predictability to ensure the viability of energy projects. We also understand that these projects create tens of thousands of jobs and benefit communities across Canada.

The changes to Bill C-69 will increase red tape for municipalities, small businesses, private citizens and make infrastructure projects more expensive. Justin Trudeau and this Liberal Government should be championing natural resource development in Canada, rather than putting up roadblocks. Canada's Conservative Opposition will continue to stand against onerous regulations that destroy jobs and economic growth.

Thank you again for writing to me with your concerns and I hope that I have clarified my position on Bill C-69. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me in the future.

Sincerely,

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