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May 25, 2015

Mr. David Coon, MLA Leader of the Third Party 3rd Floor, West Block, Departmental Building Legislative Assembly Complex 96 St. John Street Fredericton, New Brunswick

Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petition 89 tabled in the Legislature on May 8, 2015.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Forestell

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Enclosure

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May 22, 2015

BUNLAU DU GREFFIER

Mr. Donald J. Forestell Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Legislative Assembly Building P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H1

Mr. Forestell:

I am writing in response to Petition 89 that was tabled in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick by Mr. David Coon, MLA Fredericton South, on May 8, 2015.

As stated in the petition, the signatories request that the government of New Brunswick unequivocally oppose construction of the Energy East Pipeline.

Our province has a long and successful history of safely and responsibly handling crude oil and natural gas. New Brunswick houses the largest oil refinery in Canada; has over 50 years of experience in tanker shipments in crude oil, liquefied natural gas and other related petroleum products; and has seen two international pipelines constructed within the last two decades.

We recognize that permitting and regulation of an inter-provincial energy pipeline falls under the jurisdiction of the National Energy Board (NEB). As such, the Government of New Brunswick will not be undertaking its own regulatory review, but rather will participate as an intervener in the NEB review, which will ensure that New Brunswickers' voices are heard on this important initiative and any specific concerns are addressed within the Federal process.

A major crude pipeline project would result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities and additional provincial revenue, both during the construction phase and for the long term.

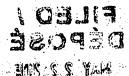
That's why our government is committed to ensuring that the Energy East pipeline moves forward in an environmentally sustainable and safe manner to create jobs, support families and improve our financial situation.

Yours truly,

Hon. Donald Arseneault

Minister





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