

Dear Charlene,

First, I want to recognize the tremendous importance of Newfoundland and Labrador's energy sector in Canada's economy and long-term prosperity. Newfoundland and Labrador has the expertise, the remarkable workers, and the resources that Canada—and the world—really needs right now. That's why the province will have an integral role in my plan to make Canada an energy superpower.

Here's my plan:

**Double electricity generation and supercharge our electricity grid**, in a way that respects and leverages each region's unique natural resource wealth and energy needs. Newfoundland and Labrador's abundant hydroelectric, wind, and emerging hydrogen capacity will be essential to achieving this goal. As part of this commitment, I will consult Canadians, including the provinces, territories, industry, and labour unions, about the previously published oil and gas emissions cap.

**Improve energy affordability, reliability, and sovereignty by building intra-provincial transmission lines, connecting our provinces and territories.** My government would also provide low-cost financing to utilities to help them mitigate any rate changes, keeping electricity bills low.

**Convene interested provinces and territories, and consult with Indigenous Peoples, on building West-East pipelines, to reduce our reliance on the United States and secure our energy sovereignty.** If a community is supportive of pursuing this infrastructure, my government will be there to support its advancement. Regional perspectives and consent matters to Canadians.

**Cut the red tape that slows down mining, energy, powerline, and infrastructure project approvals, including reducing inefficient, duplicative approval processes.** My government will allow Cabinet to fast-track 10 regionally important projects, of which 3 must be critical mineral projects, for faster approvals each year.

**Buy Canadian and Hire Canadian.** My government will require all companies receiving federal support for their major projects to Buy Canadian goods and services and Hire Canadian workers—creating good-paying jobs across the country, including in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Accelerate mineral exploration and open more mines and processing facilities, faster.** My government will reduce regulatory timelines, create an appealing business tax environment, and enhance incentives through the Investment Tax Credits and the Canada Growth Fund. This will create new opportunities for Newfoundland and Labrador's mining industry and for workers.

**Export liquified natural gas to help our allies with energy security.** My government will unlock opportunity in Canada's vast natural gas reserves by breaking down regulatory barriers, building infrastructure, and making more clean, reliable electricity to produce more LNG for export. This will create jobs at home and help our trading partners displace their power generation from coal, thereby reducing global emissions.

Newfoundland and Labrador is at the heart of my plan to make Canada an energy superpower. As Prime Minister, I will be a steadfast partner in supporting the province's energy industry and its workers.

Thank you for your patience as I respond to your letter, and thank you for your unwavering advocacy for NL Energy.

Sincerely,

Chrystia