

Thank you so much for your thoughtful and passionate letter. The people of Newfoundland and Labrador have always been builders—of communities, of industries, and of Canada itself. Your province plays a vital role in our country's energy future, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to hear directly from you about the challenges and opportunities facing your sector.

Newfoundland and Labrador plays a critical role within the broader Canadian energy sector. It goes without saying that we need to get out from under America's thumb and start building the infrastructure that is essential to sell our natural resources to new markets, bring home jobs and dollars, and make us sovereign and self-reliant to stand up to Trump from a position of strength.

The Conservative plan for change will double oil production in Newfoundland and Labrador and prevent the uncertainty industry has had to endure after a decade of Carney Liberals.

Mark Carney's radical anti-Canadian energy agenda would plunge Canada into a permanent recession. It is the wrong plan for a country like ours, blessed with vast and valuable natural resources. Mark Carney has made his choice. Now Canadians have a real choice between a fourth Liberal term that continues to make our country weaker and poorer and a new Conservative government that builds a stronger Canada.

***What is your vision for the energy industry in Canada and, more specifically, where does Newfoundland and Labrador's energy sector place in that vision?***

While Mark Carney has spent the last five years advising Trudeau on cancelling energy projects and recommending that as much as half of proven oil reserves need to stay in the ground, Conservatives have been listening to energy industry experts.

As a result of the Lost Liberal Decade, Canada now ranks 23rd in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index for 2024, a seven-place drop since 2015. Between 2015 and 2020, Canada cancelled 16 major energy projects, resulting in a \$176 billion hit to our economy. It now takes almost 18 years to open a mine—23% longer than Australia and 38% longer than the US.

But it doesn't stop there. Canada exports 98% of its crude oil to the United States, and oil moving from Canada's West to Ontario, Quebec, and Eastern Canada must travel through the United States, leaving us at the mercy of Donald Trump and the Americans.

A Conservative vision for Canada will unleash our resources so we can be strong, self-reliant, and stand on our own two feet.

***How will you support energy companies, including the supply and service sector, and their employees impacted by these tariffs? To spur resource project development and provide energy security to Canadians at this important time, will you support incentives that lead to offshore oil exploration, renewable energy development, and hydroelectric expansion, and if so, will you work with the natural resource sectors to develop the most appropriate form of incentive to attract investment and begin projects?***

To deal with Trump's tariffs, Conservatives will do everything we can to keep Canadians in their jobs and keep them working. To that end we'll make sure that businesses directly affected will have the liquidity they need to get through this dispute and we will unite as Canadians to protect our affected sectors. For Canadians who see interruptions in their employment due to trade issues, we will

ensure that will have income replacement to put food on the table and money in their bank accounts.

But more than that, we need to become strong, self-reliant, and sovereign, so that we can stand on our own two feet and stand up to the Americans. What is clear is that 10 years of economic weakness have made us more reliant than ever on the Americans. 75% of our exports go to one country. Almost all of our energy, most of our raw materials go south because we can't get them anywhere else.

Instead of unleashing our economic potential, Mark Carney wishes to keep the Liberal anti-development law in place, which will ensure that Newfoundland will never be able to capitalize on its resource potential. A Conservative plan for change will immediately scrap bill C-69, enabling everything from mines, to pipelines, offshore drilling, hydro electric dams and mines to once again be built in Canada.

***If your party forms government, will you, yes or no, cancel the planned implementation of the Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations? And further, what would be your approach to regulating Canada's oil and gas sector and incentivizing and supporting technological advancements to lower emissions?***

Conservatives will scrap the job-killing energy cap on Canadian growth, so we can approve and build major new projects fast. Mark Carney has promised to keep the Canadian energy cap, which the PBO reports will kill 54,400 full-time jobs and cost Canada \$21 billion in GDP.

On the issue of emissions, the National Bank has calculated that we could displace 2.5 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions in India, if we supplied them with our clean Canadian natural gas, rather than having them power their economy with coal. 2.5 billion tons is 3 times the emissions of all of Canada. It simply makes more sense to bring emissions down by bringing jobs home through technology, not by taxing hard working Canadians.

We will also introduce an expanded investment tax credit for Canadian industry to ensure that those who produce products with emissions below global averages will be rewarded, as opposed to the Liberal plan to punish our industries with higher taxes.

***How would your government provide support for the sustainable development of Newfoundland and Labrador's energy sector?***

Conservatives believe in enabling all forms of Canadian energy, so we can have a well diversified competitive energy sector. Liberal red tape has left resource projects snarled in costly processes and uncertainty and chased away investors, dollars, and jobs.

To support these projects we will create 'Canada Shovel Ready Zones.' These zones will be areas already permitted for construction, meaning the permits will not just take less time, but will already be completed when a company decides to build a mine, LNG terminal or pipeline, bringing home thousands of jobs for Canadian workers and taking back control of our economy from the Americans.

To create these zones we will:

- Identify a location that makes sense for a power station, LNG plant, pipeline, or another major project.
- Make sure it is safe for Canadians and the environment.
- Work with other levels of government to lock down zoning and permits in advance of construction.

Offer pre-permitting before even getting an application so that permits could be published online with a checklist that businesses would have to complete in order to protect nature and people.

This means businesses could buy the land, move in, hire people and build, knowing they already have the permits. This will unleash 100s of billions of dollars in power plants, hydro dams, nuclear energy, mines, pipelines, data centres, and much more. Canada Shovel Ready Zones will bring home powerful paycheques for all our workers.

***Will your government support the continuation of the Regional Assessment of Offshore Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling East of Newfoundland and Labrador?***

To ensure that these assessments are completed in a timely manner, our common sense plan will institute a one and done rule for resource project approvals.

This includes setting up a single office called the Rapid Resource Project Office that will handle all regulatory approvals across all levels of government, so businesses don't waste years navigating bureaucratic chaos and coordinating between multiple departments with different processes. We will cooperate with provincial governments to get all approvals into this single office.

We will have one application to end duplication. There will be one application and one environmental review per project, ensuring efficiency without sacrificing environmental standards. Instead of multiple overlapping studies that stall projects, governments will work together to deliver a single, effective review.

We will also have one-year maximum wait times for approvals with a target of six months. There will be a target goal of decisions on applications in six months, with an upper time limit of one year, giving businesses certainty, cutting delays, and getting shovels in the ground faster.

These measures will work to double oil production in Newfoundland and prevent the uncertainty industry has had to endure after a decade of Carney Liberals.

Charlene, thank you again for your ongoing leadership and advocacy on behalf of Newfoundland and Labrador's energy workers. It's clear that your voice carries the strength and determination of a province that has never been afraid of hard work or bold ideas. A Conservative government is committed to standing with you, to listen, to act, and to ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador's best days in energy are still ahead.