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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for reaching out to me and the NL NDP. We recognize that the energy sector has been and continues to be a key economic driver of our province, and we also thank you for your advocacy on behalf of the workers in the industry. We look forward to this opportunity to clarify our position on the energy sector and how we can best make it work for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**If elected, will your government support our offshore oil and gas industry and demand the cancellation of the oil and gas sector emissions cap regulations by the Government of Canada?**

Regulations exist for good reasons - to protect workers' safety, safeguard our environment, and ensure our communities benefit from resource development. But as times change and conditions evolve, governments need to review them to make sure they remain effective.

The NL NDP believes that the right approach to the emissions cap regulations is to work with Ottawa to review them and see whether they are working as intended. We would examine what works well about them, where duplication of effort exists, what areas need improvement, and where new technologies can be adopted to reduce emissions. We would engage industry experts, Energy NL, front-line workers and labour, and environmental scientists to come up with improved regulations that strike an effective balance.

Rather than take an all-or-nothing approach to regulations, the NL NDP supports *better* regulations, policies, and rules. The right approach will drive innovation by setting clear standards that push industry to develop cleaner, more efficient technologies. Just as traffic rules allow cars to move safely at speed, environmental and safety regulations ensure our natural resources are developed responsibly while maintaining public trust in the process and good environmental stewardship.

**Will your government join Energy NL in advocating for incentives that will spur economic investment, accelerate sanctioning of Bay du Nord, and encourage offshore tiebacks? What**

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**specific actions will your government take to encourage the Government of Canada to implement these incentives? Will your government consider similar provincial incentives?**

First, we recognize that our offshore oil sector remains an important part of our economy and energy mix. At the same time, we believe that decisions regarding the sanction of projects like Bay du Nord will rest upon not only corporate willingness to invest, but also projected demand. An NL NDP government would abide by any existing agreements in support of Bay du Nord.

**How will your government ensure that the local energy supply and service sector receives optimal benefits from all energy projects such as Bay du Nord, the Churchill River hydroelectric projects, wind development, and others?**

New Democrats believe that the economy has to work for the people and communities of the province. That is why the NL NDP uses a simple yardstick with high standards to evaluate the merit of any resource-based project. Our government will support those projects that:

- Hire Newfoundlanders and Labradorians first;
- Provide a portion of the royalties generated from any new project to nearby municipalities and Indigenous governments;
- Uphold strong environmental and labour standards; and
- Generate the maximum possible return to our government from royalties and other payments.

**Will your government commit to addressing concerns of project proponents for onshore wind-to-clean fuels projects and the fiscal framework in a timely fashion to ensure the projects can proceed with clarity and confidence?**

The NL NDP supports the development of our resources in a responsible manner that safeguards worker rights, protects our environment, and provides maximum benefit to the workers and communities that produce the wealth. Strong regulations uphold all these principles.

As a result, we would collaborate with industry, labour, and communities to find areas where we could streamline application processes and examine the current fiscal framework to make it work better for all. With greater clarity and investor confidence, we anticipate even more interest would be generated in our unique resources.

We hope that this brief summary of our positions will provide greater clarity on where we stand for you and your members. We look forward to consulting and collaborating with you to grow a responsible, sustainable energy industry that benefits the workers and the people of our province.

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Once again, we thank you for the opportunity to present our positions and answer your questions.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of Jim Dinn and the NL NDP Campaign Team