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Mr. Barry Morishita
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Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your January 8, 2018, letter, sharing AUMA's 2017 resolution in support of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain project.

Alberta has, and will continue to be, a strong advocate for safe, modern pipelines. The Trans Mountain Expansion Project is a federally approved project that will allow us to break our land-lock, and is critical for the market diversification of Alberta's oil. When completed, the expansion would result in higher netbacks for oil producers and increased government resource revenues. With initial construction already underway at the Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby, and Kinder Morgan moving forward to acquire the necessary permits in Alberta and British Columbia, we are optimistic we will see shovels in the ground in 2018.

We have been tireless in standing up for Alberta, showing Canadians that our pipelines are safe and something we can be proud of. We will not stop until construction is underway on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project and Alberta oil is flowing to new markets. We will continue to use every opportunity to support this project, whether it be intervening in legal challenges like the Federal Court of Appeal judicial review of the project in October 2017, or participating in regulatory processes like the National Energy Board hearing on Burnaby permitting in December 2017. Alberta will continue to press the federal government to promote and defend this approved pipeline.

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Thank you for bringing the AUMA's resolutions to my attention. The Government of Alberta values the support and advocacy of your members on these critical files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ms. McCuaig-Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Margaret McCuaig-Boyd
Minister