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Dear Hon. Prime Minister Trudeau, Ministers and NEB staff

The former Tory government initiated numerous dramatic changes to many policies related to the activities of the NEB and currently there is a process underway to secure public comments regarding the NEB's Damage Prevention Regulatory Framework. I am thankful that the public is given the chance to have a say on this policy process however the timeline of this review has been unreasonably tight and it has overlapped with multiple unresolved and ongoing legal pipeline approval processes regarding Line 9, Northern Gateway and Kinder Morgan as well as Line 9 hydro-static testing.

As a concerned citizen directly involved with the public process for many of these projects I feel the previous government has manipulated both NGO's and the concerned public by intentionally bombarding us with these layered issues and tight timelines with the intent to exhaust our energy, deplete our resources and silence our voices. It is stressful, irrational and unreasonable to not space these issues apart to a more manageable and reasonable pace.

I don't get paid for what I do. I participate and I pay my way to have a say because I sincerely care about public safety and I'd rather see things built to code or not at all but these tight timelines are brutal on the mind and body. Literally it is creating a tort harm to my physical well being for the stress it generates going from one issue to the next to fight the same flaws over and over again. It does not have to be like this. The process need not be adversarial. We need to restore democracy and respect in the timeline framework of the NEB to allow people the chance to participate without duress.

I love to serve my community. It is a passion driven by love and it is offered for free in good faith but I am witnessing repeating flaws happening with NEB processes right now regarding protocols and procedures, engineering concerns and liability risks which we can prevent if the public and NGO's simply are given a reasonable chance to voice concepts to help shape this new Damage Prevention Framework. We can't get to that quality input from concerned citizens if we don't have adequate time to engage the public or to prepare our data. I was just notified of these issues today and the deadline for comment on this policy is November 13, 2015. That's only 3 weeks away. The email I received from the NEB is included below along with the supporting attachments.

All I ask is that the NEB and this current government please afford people with more time to assess and prepare policy recommendations for this current information request that we can work collaboratively to improve upon the safety of these projects.

Thank you kindly for your time.

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