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CANADA'S BOILERMAKERS: OUR COMMITMENT TO CLEAN ENERGY

It is time to speak out on Canada's discussion on clean energy and where the Boilermakers union in Canada stands.

Boilermakers know energy. Our union has invested millions into energy research. Our union built a team of internationally respected authorities on energy and how to transition successfully to the new energy world. We know what's "clean" and what isn't. We know who's divesting traditional energy and who isn't. We know what's lip-service and what isn't. We know a politically correct convenient sound-bite when we hear one.

Our union members have been essential to the exploration, extraction, development, refining, and transporting of most kinds of energy since the 1800s.

We are ideally equipped to have an informed opinion on what makes sense about clean energy: what is possible, what is practical, and what has to be done to enable Canada and our economy to continue to grow.

Like all parties in this discussion, we have a bias and we are not afraid to show it. We have a bias towards our 15,000 members whose work puts about \$500 million into the Canadian economy every year not to mention providing our members with industry leading health care and pension benefits. We have a bias towards 1 million Canadian jobs – now and into the future. We have a bias toward the investments in our pension plans. We have a bias towards a cleaner environment and a prosperous country.

Speaking out for our members, their families, and the industry is why we are here.

Boilermakers work in oil and gas, hydrogen, nuclear, liquefied natural gas and other heavy industrial facilities throughout Canada. What many don't know or don't talk about is that these "traditional" energy companies are investing billions in new technologies – such as carbon capture, utilization and storage – to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address carbon already in the environment. These are investments that work. These are investments that help to reduce the impact of existing energy production while fueling the transition towards renewable energy.

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No one can argue in good faith that we can transition away from traditional energy quickly or painlessly. We cannot flip a switch from traditional energy to renewable energy without causing hardship in Canada and the world. Energy transition must be managed factually, thoughtfully, considering all stakeholders — including the climate.

Canada is the safest source of energy on the planet. We have a reliable supply. We have a professional workforce. We work in a country that invests. We live in a country that respects human rights.

Boilermakers have provided the skilled labour that has helped to power Canada for over 140 years and we have the expertise and know-how to lead the way through the energy transition.

If you want to do business with us, we want you to do your homework — know us, know what we stand for.

In solidarity,

Arnie Stadnick
International Vice President for Canada



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