

Petition to the Government of Canada

Oppose a New Pipeline and Crude Oil Tanker Route in B.C.

Whereas:

- The recent memorandum of understanding between the governments of Canada and Alberta signals support for a new pipeline and crude oil tanker route to British Columbia's northern coast, even though Coastal communities and member nations of Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative (CFN-GBI), the Haisla Nation, and the Lax Kw'alaams Band, as the individual Rights and Title Holders of their respective territories, have been clear for more than fifty years that they do not support any project that would bring crude oil tankers into their territories, and British Columbia also rejects this proposal;
- Coastal First Nations have built a successful conservation-based economy that is protecting the environment, creating jobs, supporting new businesses, and generating billions of dollars for the Canadian economy;
- The federal government seeks to weaken the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act, despite a voluntary tanker ban for over 30 years before legislation; and
- Governments and industry in Canada and the U.S. recognized this region as too hazardous and environmentally sensitive for crude oil tankers, that there is no technology that can clean up an oil spill, and that one spill has the potential to destroy our coastal economy for many generations.

We, the undersigned, concerned residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Cancel the memorandum;
- Uphold the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act;
- Work with coastal communities and coastal First Nations to continue growing a sustainable, diverse economy across the north coast; and
- Ensure future coastal project negotiations include full participation from British Columbia and coastal First Nations.

Signature (Sign your name. Do not print.)	Address (City, province, or postal code)

Guidelines

1. Must have at least 25 original signatures with valid addresses (we recommend 30+ to be safe);
2. Must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it;
3. Must have at least 3 valid signatures and addresses on the first page after the full text of the petition (again, more is better if they fit);
4. Must include the prayer line (the request) of the petition on each subsequent page;
5. The text must not be altered or have any text added on any of the pages;
6. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition;
7. Should contain signatures of residents of Canada only;
8. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition;
9. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself;
10. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy; and,
11. Petitions can be either double-sided or have a blank back page.

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