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Sisters and Brothers

As we are all aware, the federal government has bought the Kinder Morgan pipeline. B.C is still doing everything they can to try and stop the pipeline going through with numerous legal challenges.

A lot of people have been upset about the 4.5 billion dollars the government is investing in the pipeline as well as the two billion the Alberta government has committed to the project, The UCP was the first to demand that the Alberta and federal governments guarantee funding to get the pipeline through but now that the investment is there they are saying its one of the biggest mistakes they could have ever done,

In the past, the federal government has given hundreds of millions of dollars to Corporations such as Bombardier, Air Canada, Chrysler Canada, to name a few. Jason Kenny was a federal cabinet member who fully supported Harper and the Ontario governments when they gave the Canadian auto sector 13.5 Billion to stop them from going Bankrupt in 2009. With the tariffs and the turmoil that is happening between Canada and The US right now, we as a country have to start diversifying our exports!

In the last year since the Alberta government passed legislation turning the secret ballot vote for joining a Union into a 65% yes vote there have been 104 new unions certified In Alberta double the amount that were certified last year. Most of the unions were in Construction, Hospitality, and the Health field. The UCP has stated that if they get elected to government they will scrap this and go back to the secret ballot process.

Last year the Federal Liberals introduced bill C-48 the "oil tanker moratorium act" which is a "tanker ban" law for the B.C coast, It doesn't ban tankers from bringing oil and its byproducts from other countries to B.C. But it does greatly restrict what oil products and condensates that will be able to be loaded onto the tankers heading for foreign coasts. Alberta Senator Doug Black says of the bill " BillC-48 is a direct aim at the oil sands and at Alberta's ability to refine products and ship them,"

If this bill passes it would prohibit Alberta from shipping diluted Bitumen, oil and gas condensates and their byproducts from the northern tip of Vancouver Island to Alaska. Which in effect will cripple the oil sands by not allowing them to get their products to foreign markets.



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This bill however does not restrict B.C from loading LNG (Light Natural Gas) and its byproducts for export.

Senator Black has promised a major fight when the second reading comes up in the fall, as well the Alberta government has put a written request to object at the senate hearings.

Doug Ford was elected to a majority government in Ontario this month totally decimating the liberals. The NDP is the official opposition but with a majority government it is going to be a very long four years, I Recently returned from Ontario, while there I had the chance to talk to some Unifor members and they are already starting to organize rally's and protests to try and save some of the gains they have made.

The Majority government has announced that the are cutting 1 billion dollars from Roads, and infrastructure costing thousands of Jobs, There plan also includes rolling back the minimum wage, Tax breaks for the wealthy, Privatizing much of the province and much more The Alberta UCP praised Ford and wants to adopt a lot of the same ideas and policy's

Its also interesting to note that the credit ratings agency "Fitch" has downgraded Ontario's credit rating to "negative" from Stable due to the provinces return to deficit spending enacted by the liberal government in there budget but will continue with the Ford government,

In closing I would like to remind everyone that the current trade war with the U.S is very much a reality, 25% tariffs on our steel and Aluminum Threatening to put more tariffs on the Canadian auto sector, Agriculture and forestry, if this happens it will stall Canada's economic growth as well as put thousands of people in these sectors out of work, so when you do your shopping buy Canadian as much as you can to support our Canadian industry's.

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