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Dear Minister:

Investment and activity in the heavy oil sector is critical to the well-being of workers, businesses and the communities of this region.

The government has committed to reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45% by 2025. Meeting that commitment will come at a significant cost, in the form of less investment and jobs in cold heavy oil production. We support the request of many companies that industry be allowed to follow a path that meets this target at the lowest possible cost. It is reasonable to expect government will ensure that the economic cost to this region be no bigger than is necessary.

Investments in thermal production can soften the impact on this region. And government can play a role in attracting investment on this side of the border. First, by making the regulatory approval process more efficient and comparable with competitor jurisdictions. And, second, by providing clarity on how the carbon tax would apply to these projects and making sure it is not so high that it drives investment and emissions out of this province.

I ask that you consider the points raised in this letter and I would be pleased to speak with you further about them.

Yours truly,

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