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Dear Presidents of Canada's Municipal Associations:

On behalf of Alberta's over 270 urban municipalities, we are seeking your support for the Energy East Pipeline which will carry crude oil from Alberta and Saskatchewan to refineries in eastern Canada. This pipeline will enable access to markets in Europe and Asia in particular. As well, it will allow Canadian customers access to Canadian energy by supplying product directly to eastern refineries, reducing our dependence on foreign energy.

Energy East will generate thousands of jobs across the country. According to estimates made by the Conference Board of Canada, this project will support over 14,000 jobs annually during a nine-year development and construction stage, and an additional 3,300 each year in the first 20 years of operations. The pipeline will also provide \$10 billion in tax revenues to the provinces.

Environmental stewardship is paramount for both Alberta and Canada. Regulations and guidelines are in place to help safeguard the health of our environment throughout the construction and operation of the pipeline.

We are gathering our municipalities on March 9 for a public show of support through our "Go East" campaign. We hope your members will work with you, as our colleagues in Saskatchewan recently did by passing a resolution, to show support for this essential market access initiative that is key to Canada's future economic outcomes.

Sincerely,

Lisa Holmes
AUMA President

cc: President of Federation of Canadian Municipalities