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Western Provinces and Territories

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Hon. George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Heyman,

I write today to express the strong concerns of the United Steelworkers about the actions the Government of British Columbia has announced it intends to take to stop the Trans Mountain pipeline.

Members of the United Steelworkers are proud that the pipeline will be utilizing Canadian-made, USW-built pipe. But it's not just Steelworkers. The Trans Mountain pipeline will also offer family-supporting employment to thousands of working people. We stand with them.

This project has undergone a tremendous amount of scrutiny and a lengthy review process during which thousands of Canadians were able to voice their opinions. This process resulted in a green light from the Government of Canada to proceed.

I respect that your government has a different opinion, but the appropriate level of government has made a decision after an exhaustive process. It is not within your government's jurisdiction to undo this decision by attempting to assume powers that do not exist within the Canadian constitution.

These actions are reckless, inappropriate, send a dangerous message and would set an even more dangerous precedent.

On behalf of the United Steelworkers, and working people whose livelihood depends on this project proceeding, I urge your government to withdraw its proposed actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Hunt'.

Stephen Hunt
Director

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cc: Hon. John Horgan, Premier

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