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Dear Mr. Premier,

My name is Peter Downing, founder of Wexit Canada and Wexit Alberta. The logical reason that we, and our quarter-million+ followers support Alberta and Western Separatism is the simple fact that the Canadian Confederation does not, and never has, worked for Alberta. Confederation was a mid-19th century compromise between Ontario and Quebec, formerly known as Canada West and Canada East. While Ontario's interest was to protect their political and economic interest, Quebec's concern was to protect their language, cultural, and religious rights. Atlantic Canada was forced into the pact by the British, who wanted to dump their responsibility for defending British North America. **Most importantly, Western Canada was never at the table.**

This is reflected in Canada's political institutions that give Ontario and Quebec the unilateral ability to choose who governs Alberta federally through their overwhelming seat count, an antiquated and broken senate system absent of checks and balances, a Privy Council that allows laws to be passed without the consent of parliament, and a federal public service that has 41% of its workforce concentrated in Ottawa, Ontario. Simply put, Eastern Canada will ALWAYS have the power to outvote the west, and the power to expropriate our wealth and our future at their pleasure and in pursuit of their pleasure.

However, the emotional reason that I commit myself to this cause is due to the pain and suffering that Ottawa's policies have inflicted upon my friends and neighbours here in Alberta. This includes:

- The unspeakable legacy of the residential school program, sterilization programs, substandard living conditions of reserves in Alberta, and the racial apartheid under the

Indian Act, many of our Indigenous friends and neighbours STILL do not have clean drinking water;

- Through the legislated deindustrialization of Alberta's Oil and Gas Sector, over 100,000 of our Albertan friends and neighbors have found themselves unemployed, with only a pittance of aid in the form of repayable loans (with interest). Husky Energy laid off 200 employees the day after Justin Trudeau was re-elected to power. Encana has now relocated to the United States. 26% of homes in Lloydminster, AB/SK are facing foreclosure. Suicides, divorces, alcoholism, and domestic violence are on the rise;
- Bills C-69 (no more pipelines), C-48 (West Coast tanker ban), unfair equalization formulas taking \$622 Billion from Alberta since 1957, and the \$30/tonne carbon tax that your administration recently imposed are in direct economic opposition to industry, labour, and consumers in Alberta who have done nothing to deserve this level of targeted economic pain, under the fictional pretense of climate activism.
- A crumbling healthcare system that forces Albertans in some cases to spend their life savings for treatment in the United States, so that they can avoid dying while waiting for treatment in Canada;
- Arbitrary classification of firearms by unelected bureaucrats, twinned with a capricious desire by the Justin Trudeau government to confiscate the property of legal firearms owners, who are in fact the safest firearms community in the world;
- A criminal justice system that allows untreated violent sex offenders, with a high likelihood of re-offending, to be released from incarceration with negligible supervision. High profile murderers such as Vincent Li and Matthew De Groot have their freedoms, while the families of the victims continue to suffer;
- Addicted and mentally ill Albertans, lining the streets of our inner cities like a battlefield, while privileged politicians discuss a "10-year plan", and seem only to want increases in "safe injection" sites;
- Finally - an increasing inability or unwillingness for the federal government to control our own borders and stop the influx of disqualified and sometimes dangerous asylum seekers, rejected by the American system, creating the perfect conditions for human trafficking and gang violence to flourish.

With respect Mr. Kenney, **your proposal for a listening tour followed by a symbolic referendum on equalization simply does not cut it.** Mr. Trudeau, and Mr. Harper before him, have openly made statements to the effect that **"the oil sands must be phased out"**. Let me assure you Mr. Kenney, that we as Albertans, and Western Canadians, will not allow ourselves to be phased out via government fiat. We will not allow the future of our children and our grandchildren to be phased out. We will not allow our Albertan and Western Canadian Spirit of hard work, decency, and self-determination to be phased out. We will not allow Ottawa and Eastern Canada to phase us out. We will separate from Canada. We will survive and we will thrive.

To that end Mr. Kenney, we are calling on you to legislate a referendum on Alberta's separation from Canada, in accordance to the Supreme Court of Canada's 1998 Quebec Secession Reference, and the Federal Clarity Act of 2000. As a sitting Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), you or any one of your 62 MLAs can draft a bill to formulate a referendum on a clear and unequivocal question as to whether the people of Alberta wish to remain a part of Canada. But before you consider this question, let me make it very clear:

The Conservative Party of Canada will NEVER AGAIN form the Government of Canada, and you will NEVER become the Prime Minister of Canada, for two simple reasons:

- a) **The increasing trend of voters in Ontario to elect Liberal Members of Parliament.**
- b) **The impending federal registration of Wexit Canada as a political party to represent regional interest for the 104 seats in Western Canada.** (The history of the Reform Party in Western Canada, and Angus Reid polling in 2019, both show that such a party is likely to outperform the Conservative Party of Canada in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and parts of British Columbia.)

Mr. Kenney, I strongly encourage you to quickly adapt to this new political reality, and to envision yourself as the President of an emerging Western Canadian Republic. While I myself suspect that your political ambitions may include seeking to become the next Prime Minister of Canada, many of your voters and supporters within industry see you as the first President of Alberta. Alberta holds a dominant geo-political position by which **we** have the ability to landlock Eastern Canada from access to the Pacific Ocean, and access to the \$28.5 Trillion Dollar Transpacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). Alberta also possesses the ability to landlock British Columbia from access to the rest of Canada. Finally, Alberta can benefit from International Law that mandates that coastal nations must allow landlocked nations tidewater access to export natural resources.

It is only in this way that you can truly fight against Ottawa in the way that Albertans expect and deserve. Albertans elected you and your United Conservative Party to form the fiercest Pro-Albertan government in history when you were selected by the Albertan electorate in April of 2019. My sincere advice to you is that you should deliver what Albertans desperately need via a referendum on separation from Canada – Economic Liberty, Social Stability, and the Self-Determination for ALL Albertans. **Otherwise, an "Alberta-First" Party will inevitably register with Elections Alberta, outflank you from the right, and beat you at the ballot box in 2023.** You need to face the reality that, since the results of the October 21 election, federalism is dead. We are now looking to you to bring life back to Alberta.

During this transition time, in which we expect that your UCP government will begin to draft the necessary legislation to hold a referendum on Alberta's separation from Canada, we ask you to also listen to Alberta employees, retirees, small business owners, labour interests, indigenous voices, public servants, and captains of industry, who have contributed to a new mechanism through which you can **immediately and unilaterally** protect the interests of Alberta before more harm is inflicted upon us via federal legislation and regulation. We ask

you to implement an enhanced version of “**The Firewall Letter**” drafted in early 2001 by notable Albertans such as Stephen Harper and Ted Morton. Today, all of Alberta is asking you to implement **The Inferno Wall Protocol**, which has the following eight requirements:

1. Immediately end Alberta’s policing contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Implement a transition period in which all provincial policing duties are to be transferred to the Alberta Sheriff’s Department. Commission an Alberta Bureau of National Investigation for federal investigations in Alberta that are currently assigned to the RCMP.
2. Safeguard each individual Albertan by reclaiming all Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) contributions from Ottawa, and commission a portable and properly funded Alberta Pension Plan to protect and enhance the retirement savings of all Albertans.
3. Terminate Ottawa’s encroachment on exclusive provincial jurisdiction by prohibiting federal payroll deductions. (Direct taxation is the jurisdiction of the Albertan Government.)
4. Assert full provincial control over immigration, as Quebec currently does.
5. Assert full control over firearms regulation, as policing is a provincial matter.
6. Withdraw from the federal Employment Insurance (EI) program and create an Albertan equivalent.
7. Withdraw from Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) as the financial guarantor of home mortgages in Alberta. This responsibility must be transferred to the Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB).
8. Require itemized invoices for all federal services rendered. No monies are to be paid to Ottawa unless proof of service is validated.

By following these steps, your government can ensure that the best interests of ALL Albertans are protected, and that we have just as much of a right to self-determination as Quebec does. We cannot remain passive spectators in the filming of our own economic and political destruction. **This is not about anger Mr. Kenney. It is about survival.**

We in Alberta can no longer leave the fate of our spouses, children, and grandchildren in the hands of people who would re-elect Justin Trudeau, despite all of the scandal, violations, and abuses that he has engaged in over his first four years of power. We cannot survive another four years of a government that has abused us so badly and promises to further abuse us further. And we also know that by separating from Canada, we will keep our \$50 Billion in taxes right here at home, making life better for the people who live here.

We know that through joint cooperation with the Government of the United States on the development of the Northwest Passage, we can deepen our economic, diplomatic, and security relationship with our largest and most important ally. **Most of all though Mr. Kenney, we will have Albertans governing Alberta for Albertans.** By all of us banding together with one another as we did during the Slave Lake Wildfires, the High River Floods, and the Fort McMurray Fires, Alberta will once again be the best place on planet earth to live, work, play, and retire. Alberta will be an oasis of economic liberty, social stability, and self-determination amongst a growing desert of socialism and stagnation. Alberta will be like a city shining on a hill. Alberta will be a light to the nations. Alberta will make this world a better place. **YOU SIR HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.** The alternative is political irrelevance.

Mr. Kenney, I reflect the sentiment of 4.3 million Albertans, in that, I am very proud that Alberta is the only rat-free jurisdiction in the world. Now it is time to make it leech free. Let's end our relationship with Ottawa. Let's Make Alberta Great Again.

May God bless you deeply Mr. Kenney. May God Bless Alberta. May God Save The West.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Downing', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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