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Canada's Economic Future Depends on Pipelines.

We are at a critical point in the Canadian economy and the oil industry in Canada. The federal cabinet announced its decision Tuesday on two major pipeline projects.

In recent years there has been tremendous progress made with regards to green energy, however, oil is not just used as a fuel to heat some of our homes and power nearly all vehicles. It is the products we use every day, shampoo bottles, tooth brushes, and most food product containers are all made with petroleum based plastics, as well as many components in electric or hybrid vehicles.

Canada is a petroleum based economy. When oil goes up in value so does our Canadian dollar and it can have the opposite effect.

The other reality is that when governments say no to pipelines it does not stop the flow of oil, it just means that the oil instead of being transported by the safest and most efficient means possible is transported by rail. Rail lines are often old and go through the heart of many Canadian towns and cities.

Oil is still the lifeblood of Canada's economy. Knowing full well that the oil will flow one way another, Ottawa needs to ensure that it is done in a manner which best protects Canada's environment and its citizens. With that key point in mind the only realistic decision is to say yes to these pipelines.

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