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Subject: Letter from Hon. Premier Danielle Smith ACCTS:00930000077

Dear Barry Singleton:

Thank you for your January 31, 2023 letter. I appreciate you sharing information about your company, Western Energy Corridor Inc., and its plans to develop a new corridor to Churchill, Manitoba.

The creation or expansion of economic corridors would provide Alberta with greater flexibility and capacity to transport goods to markets in eastern Canada, Europe and Asia. This would create jobs and provide tax revenues and royalties to all levels of government in Canada. That is why I have directed the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, to prioritize expanding economic corridors across the province and Canada, from Fort McMurray to Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, the Port of Churchill and British Columbia.

Our government recognizes the potential of the Port of Churchill to serve as a gateway for exporting Alberta's goods and resources to other parts of the country and to international markets. Establishing a utility corridor between Alberta and the Port of Churchill would be a complicated undertaking, requiring significant investment in both the utility corridor and infrastructure improvements at the seaport. Achieving this will require participation from all levels of government, including the federal government and the three prairie provinces, as well as Indigenous groups, impacted communities, industry and other stakeholders.

Officials from Transportation and Economic Corridors will contact you regarding a meeting to learn more about your organization's proposal to develop a new corridor to Churchill.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I look forward to updates on your company's proposed corridor project.

Sincerely,

Honourable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta