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Honourable Seamus O'Regan
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Minister O'Regan,

The oil and gas industry in Newfoundland and Labrador is in crisis, and we have reached a critical time when Federal Government support and action is necessary.

Our Association, the Construction Labour Relations Association (CLRA-NL), represents unionized employers engaged in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors in the construction industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. We write to encourage immediate Federal Government action to support the oil and gas industry in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Our economy is struggling, the oil and gas industry is in crisis, and the current situation will lead to serious consequences for our economy, local contractors and our skilled labour force.

The September 9th announcement from Husky Energy concerning the review and possible cancellation of the West White Rose Extension Project and its future operations in Newfoundland and Labrador highlights the pressing crisis. This announcement follows cuts by Hibernia and Suncor, deferral of the Bay du Nord Deepwater Oil Production Project, and uncertainty about the future of the Terra Nova FPSO. The future of oil and gas exploration and development in Newfoundland and Labrador is in jeopardy.

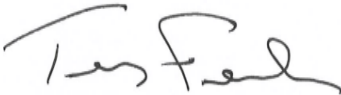
The oil and gas industry in our province has generated billions in royalties, employs thousands, supports construction companies and skilled trades, strengthens research and development, education and training and represents roughly 30% of the provincial GDP. The consequences associated with the loss of oil and gas projects would be devastating.

The time to show strong leadership and provide federal government support is now. Our Association urges you, as the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, and as Member of Parliament for

Newfoundland and Labrador along with all our Members of Parliament who represent Newfoundland and Labrador to act now, to step up for the people of our province and secure an investment to help the oil and gas industry.

We need your voice, we need your support and we urgently need federal investment. Never has the urgency been greater.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry French". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "F".

Terry French
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The Honorable Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

The Honorable Andrew Parsons, Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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