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Honorable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.  
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Dear Honorable Jonathan Wilkinson:

On behalf of the Whitecourt and District Chamber of Commerce, and the many oil and gas affiliated resource members and non-members in our area, we fully support the resolution from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities: **EISD 2022-01 Federal support for Canadian consumption of Canadian oil and gas resources as Canada transitions towards carbon neutrality by 2050.**

The oil and gas industry and their spin off industries have been a mainstay in our communities for many years and with their support and that of their employees, many of the community buildings, recreation areas, and programs have been sponsored and supported. Many small businesses have been created by family members of those employees, and those employees and their families support the small businesses in our communities; which are at the heart of any Chamber.

Our town and the area around us are the local communities where our leaders are seeing up close, the need for the federal government to support Canadian produced oil and gas and ensure that all imported oil and gas consumed in Canada, meets the same stringent standards that the Canadian producers are required to meet. Without these measures in place, it puts our Canadian product at a significant disadvantage and encourages imports of a product that we responsibly produce in our own backyard; and this will adversely affect our communities.

We need a stable economic environment to function in; and for the businesses in and around the area to thrive and grow. A healthy economy keeps the entire country viable and it should be the goal of the government to meet their climate benchmarks, but not at the peril of any industry or economy.

Thank you and should you have any questions, please free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

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