



Our Revolution Calls on Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Stop Trans Mountain Pipeline

Movement organization inspired by Sen. Bernie Sanders calls on Canadian Prime Minister to stop the development of the Trans Mountain Pipeline

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, April 20, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Our Revolution, the movement organization inspired by Sen. Bernie Sanders, on Friday called on Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to stop the development of the Trans Mountain Pipeline. On Monday, Trudeau announced that the Canadian government would enter talks with Texas-based company Kinder Morgan to use government support for Kinder Morgan as it seeks to build the biggest tar sands pipeline on earth. The proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline would ship up to 890,000 barrels of tar sands oil a day from Alberta to the coast. The pipeline and tanker project could lead to the same climate warming impacts as 34 million cars a year.

Deborah Parker, Our Revolution Board Member and former vice chair of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington state denounced Trudeau's actions saying, "We are concerned the rights of Tribal Sovereign Nations are threatened by the Trans Mountain Pipeline. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous people requires free, prior and informed consent which this pipeline project does not have. The Trans Mountain pipeline poses a grave threat to our environment not just for today, but well into the future. Prime Minister Trudeau must respect rights of indigenous populations and respect the laws in place to protect their land from degradation."

Jane Kleeb, Board Member of Our Revolution commented, "Instead of continuing to subsidize fossil fuels and line the pockets of Big Oil and Gas, while decimating First Nations' treaty rights and landowners' property rights, we are calling on the Prime Minister to stop the Trans Mountain Pipeline and invest in renewable energy. We need to enact stronger protections for our climate, land, and water."

Jim Hightower, Board Member of Our Revolution also weighed in, asking, "Why do politicians keep kowtowing to greedy global giants like Kinder Morgan? It's time they stop sacrificing our public health, Tribal sovereignty, small businesses, and entire ecosystems just so Big Oil bullies and pipeline profiteers can squeeze another dollar out of Mother Nature."

Sen. Nina Turner, President of Our Revolution stated, "In America and Canada, it is outrageous that fossil fuel corporations are using public funds to bail out projects that hurt people. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau can be the leader the world needs to act on climate, respect Indigenous rights, and stop this pipeline project once and for all."

The world expects more from Justin Trudeau. In the time of Trump, we need leaders willing to stand-up to the fossil fuel industry, not more politicians ready to bow down to it. In a time of climate crisis, no politician should be using public funds to bail out a failing fossil fuel project. Our Revolution is committed to standing against Trans Mountain, Dakota Access, Keystone XL, and all North American pipelines that threaten our land and water. Our Revolution was active in the fight to stop the Dakota

Access pipeline, raising more than \$200,000 to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and collecting nearly 250,000 petition signatures to oppose construction of the pipeline.

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