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**RE: Support for the Swift Passage of Bill C-49**

Dear Senators,

As the Chief of Potlotek First Nation, I am compelled to express our strong endorsement for the swift passage of Bill C-49, which is crucial for the sustainable development of our natural resources. In Potlotek, we have long championed the responsible and sustainable economic development of our natural resources, both terrestrial and marine.

The legislation proposed in Bill C-49 is a significant step towards ensuring that the development of wind resources off the coast of Nova Scotia is conducted in a manner that will benefit our community and future generations. Our commitment to these principles is reflected in our ongoing efforts to engage with and contribute to these discussions.

Governments and industry are increasingly recognizing the interconnectedness of all elements within our natural environment. This holistic approach is essential for the prosperity of our people and the preservation of our lands and waters. Bill C-49 aligns with these values,



promoting an inclusive and sustainable framework for the development of offshore wind energy projects.

Therefore, I urge the Senate to recognize the importance of this bill and to act swiftly in passing it. By doing so, you will be supporting not only the environmental sustainability of our province but also the economic resilience and cultural vitality of Indigenous communities like Potlotek.

We are ready to proceed, and we look forward to the positive impacts that these developments will bring. Your support in passing Bill C-49 will be a significant step towards a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your leadership in promoting sustainable development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wilbert Marshall', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Chief Wilbert Marshall**  
Chief, Potlotek First Nation