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Dear Senator Massicotte and Senator Gold,

I am writing with respect to the Senate's consideration of Bill C-49: An Act to amend the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act and the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

As Minister Parsons indicated to the Committee on June 13, 2024, this legislation is critical for Newfoundland and Labrador and ensures that the necessary measures are in place to support offshore renewable energy opportunities while providing the maximum economic returns to our province. The version of Bill C-49 currently before the Senate includes mechanisms to ensure that impacts from ORE projects are properly identified and addressed and supports the development of responsible offshore wind projects.

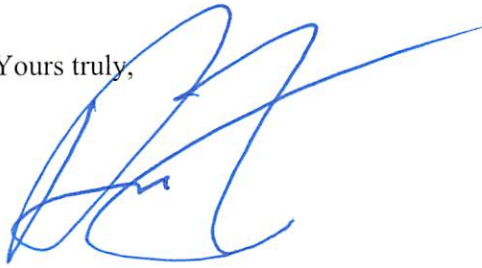
It was jointly developed by Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Natural Resources Canada. We worked diligently to produce a Bill that meets federal and provincial objectives, and it represents extensive negotiations between Canada and the Provinces to establish a new collaborative management framework for offshore renewable energy.

Once the federal legislation has passed, our government will introduce 'mirror legislation' to amend our version of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act to implement the new offshore legislative and regulatory regime.

This new emergent industry is anticipated to yield considerable environmental and economic advantages for Newfoundland and Labrador, and to seize these opportunities, we eagerly await the progression of the Bill as agreed to by Governments. The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador supports Bill C-49 as it is currently drafted and asks that the Senate pass it without undue delays.

Our Province has been actively progressing onshore wind development and this legislation is a significant step in allowing our province to move forward with the development of our offshore renewable energy. Thank you for your time on this critically important matter for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Yours truly,



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