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Sen. Scott Tannas, Leader  
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**RE: Endorsement for the Immediate Passage of Bill C-49**

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Dear Senators,

I am writing to you today as the CEO of Bayside Corporate, an enterprise based in the Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation, to express our strong support for Bill C-49. This legislation is pivotal for advancing the green energy transition, including the development of offshore wind resources, which presents an unparalleled opportunity for the Mi'kmaw people.

In light of recent developments, we would like to re-iterate our support letter provided on June 12 for the swift passing C-49. We agree with Chief Sidney Peters' call for no amendments. We urge the Province and Federal Government to meet with our Mi'kmaq communities to discuss the concerns with the legislation and explore pathways to resolve outstanding matters.

The green energy sector, particularly offshore wind, is not just an industry; it is a movement that resonates deeply with our Mi'kmaw values of sustainable development. It offers a framework through which we can promote environmental stewardship while simultaneously generating substantial social and economic benefits for our communities.

Bill C-49 provides the regulatory certainty and support needed to propel these initiatives forward. Its passage will ensure that the development of these resources aligns with our values and visions for a sustainable future, where our communities are not only participants but leaders in the green economy.

By supporting and passing this bill, you will help enable Indigenous communities like ours to be at the forefront of an industry that promises to transform our social and economic landscapes. The positive impacts of such a development cannot be overstated - it means jobs, it means community development, and most importantly, it means a sustainable path forward that respects and integrates our traditional values with modern technology.



I urge you to pass Bill C-49 swiftly, without delay, thereby affirming your commitment to a sustainable future and the meaningful participation of Indigenous communities in shaping that future. Let us work together to ensure that the benefits of the green energy transition are realized not just for a few, but for all, especially for future generations.

Thank you for considering our position. I look forward to your leadership in passing this transformative legislation.

Sincerely yours In Friendship and Economic Reconciliation.



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Bayside Development Corporation

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