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## **Canadian Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Trans Mountain Expansion Announcement**

**Ottawa, May 29, 2018**—The Canadian Chamber of Commerce issued the following statement today in support of the federal government’s announcement regarding the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project:

“While these are exceptional circumstances, we are pleased that the Trans Mountain Expansion project will proceed, beginning this construction season.

“The Canadian Chamber has been a strong and vocal supporter of the TMX project because of the major economic benefits it will bring to Canada. Not only will it enable our producers to get their product safely to global markets, where they can get a fair price, but it will also create thousands of jobs in communities across Canada. Additionally, it will generate billions in economic activity.

“However, we cannot ignore the fact that these are exceptional circumstances and that this extraordinary effort by the federal government should never have been necessary. TMX is a commercially viable project that met the test of a rigorous, scientifically sound review process and received all of the necessary regulatory approvals. Despite this fact, the project was stalled. This is another sign that we urgently need to fix our broken regulatory regime and ensure that Canada remains an attractive place to invest and do business. The Canadian economy cannot afford anything less.

“We call upon the federal government to lay out its plan to remove the remaining obstacles to construction. We also call on government to limit its investment in the project to the time needed to ensure its successful completion and restore the project to the private sector as soon as is practicable.”

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The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is the vital connection between business and the federal government. It helps shape public policy and decision-making to the benefit of businesses, communities and families across Canada with a network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 200,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions.

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