

Petition In Support of Energy East

A petition in support of Canada's energy industry and pipelines (e-216) is about to break a record as the biggest petition ever to be tabled in the House of Commons. The petition currently has over 19,000 signatures by Canadians representing every province and territory.

A healthy, vibrant oil and natural industry is vital to the economic future of Canada. The industry's \$17 billion annual contribution to government coffers pays for the programs and services that provide Canadians with one of the highest standards-of-life in the world – from our world-class healthcare and education systems to infrastructure that is envied around the world.

We need to send a clear message to Ottawa that most Canadians support our energy industry. Personally, I am a little upset that we can't easily get 10 times this many signatures on a petition and really demonstrate where Canadians stand on this issue. As a comparison, a petition against Energy East was closed a few months ago and had 18,000 signatures. To *really* send a message to our federal government, we should set our sights on not just getting more signatures, not just beating the record, but by setting the bar so high others won't even dream of challenging the results.

We're so close to making history, help make it happen. [Sign the petition today.](#)

In order to facilitate this type of support for pipelines and Energy East in particular, we have created an [Energy East Action Network](#).

Those individuals that choose to join the [Energy East Action Network](#), will receive updates on Energy East and find out how they can help get the facts out about the project. The petition I mentioned above is one example.

Energy East is a project BY Canadians FOR Canadians – and the numbers speak for themselves. So, if people ask you why they should support the project, here are five reasons why:

- 1) Fewer foreign oil imports – Without Energy East, in 2015, Canada had to import [736,000 barrels of oil each day](#) from Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Angola and other countries. That's **\$35 million** leaving our economy **every single day!**
- 2) Jobs, jobs and more jobs – **14,000 Canadians** will work on Energy East annually through construction, and 3,300 more each year in the first 20 years of operations.
- 3) One pipeline = less oil by rail – Energy East will **replace 1,500+ rail cars**, which travel each day through the hearts of our communities.
- 4) [\\$55 billion](#) will be poured into the nation through increased business activity and higher spending from Canadians who will directly or indirectly work on the project.

- 5) [Schools, roads and hospitals](#) – Beyond the oil that fuels our lives, Energy East will generate over \$10 billion in new tax revenues for our provinces, helping them fund services we all rely on.

Support for Energy East is growing. Opinion polls show that 64% of Canadians want to see this much-needed pipeline built. That's two in three Canadians!