



June 19, 2025

Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, PC, KC, MP
President of the King's Privy Council for Canada
Minister Responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister LeBlanc,

On behalf of the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) and its 400 members representing thousands of Canadians who produce, transport, and distribute propane and propane appliances, I write to express our strong support for Bill C-5, the *Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act*. We welcome its vision of a more integrated, mobile, and resilient Canadian economy, and we believe the propane sector is uniquely positioned to help realize that vision.

As Canada works to build a more prosperous and competitive economy, propane is already playing a vital role in accelerating the delivery of major infrastructure and industrial projects. Through new export terminals, Canada's propane industry has taken the lead in reducing dependence on the U.S. market, opening access to high-demand regions such as Japan, hungry for our energy. Here at home, propane is an immediately deployable, cleaner-burning energy source that fuels construction heating, powers off-grid worksites, and provides scalable solutions in areas where other fuels are less practical—serving large parts of the country including Indigenous, rural, and northern communities.

Propane plays an important role in fueling our economy and providing energy across the country. The ability to move skilled propane professionals and equipment quickly across provincial borders is essential to ensuring that these projects are completed on time and on budget.

Yet, the propane sector faces a frustrating patchwork of regulatory and labour policies that undermine this efficiency. Inconsistent training recognition, redundant permits, and overlapping inspection requirements increase costs, delay timelines, and restrict the flow of labour—all of which are at odds with the federal government's ambition to 'build up Canada' and drive economic renewal.

To strengthen Bill C-5 and align it with the priorities of growth and productivity, we propose the following enhancements:

1. **Interprovincial Workforce Mobility:** Establish a national recognition system for licensed gas fitters, ensuring that qualified tradespeople can work anywhere in Canada without re-certification.

2. **National Training Certification:** Standardize propane worker training—such as for bulk delivery, heater set up, and plant operations—so workers can operate interprovincially without separate provincial licenses.
3. **Streamlined Permitting:** Encourage integrated permitting processes (e.g., single permits for gas and boiler systems), reduced delays for construction timelines and enable propane to support large builds efficiently.
4. **Recognition of Equipment Certification:** Ensure that Canadian Registration Numbers (CRNs) are respected across jurisdictions without redundant provincial inspections.

By removing these unnecessary barriers, Bill C-5 can empower industries like ours to support federal priorities—creating jobs, accelerating housing and infrastructure, and enhancing Canada's energy independence. Propane is already safely embedded in the delivery of major projects across Canada. Let's ensure our policies make it easier—not harder—for it to contribute.

We appreciate your leadership on this important file and look forward to continued collaboration to help deliver on the full potential of C-5.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Watt', written in a cursive style.

Shannon Watt,
President and CEO
Canadian Propane Association

