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The Honourable Naheed Nenshi  
Leader of the Official Opposition  
Alberta New Democratic Party

Dear Mr. Nenshi,

On behalf of the Canadian Propane Association (CPA), I am writing regarding Alberta's NDP's recently announced affordability agenda and your proposal to suspend the provincial fuel tax when gasoline prices reach predetermined thresholds.

We welcome the recognition that transportation fuel costs have a direct impact on household affordability, farm operations, and business competitiveness. As your proposal notes, Albertans cannot simply stop driving when fuel prices spike. The same principle applies to many propane users across the province, who depend on affordable energy to heat homes, operate businesses, harvest crops, and keep supply chains moving.

Propane is a made-in-Alberta energy source that supports thousands of jobs and powers critical sectors of the provincial economy. Yet, like other transportation fuels, propane users are sensitive to fuel costs and taxation policies that can influence affordability and adoption.

The CPA has consistently advocated for provincial motor fuel tax frameworks that are fair, efficient, and aligned with public policy objectives. In recent submissions to provincial governments, we have highlighted opportunities to reduce unnecessary administrative burdens and encourage the use of lower-emission, domestically produced fuels through targeted tax modernization measures. These recommendations include ensuring motor fuel taxes are applied appropriately based on actual transportation use and creating conditions that support greater adoption of propane in transportation and commercial applications.

As Alberta considers policies to improve affordability for families, farmers, and businesses, we encourage the Official Opposition to consider how propane can contribute to those objectives. This includes examining whether relief measures tied to transportation fuels should appropriately recognize propane-powered vehicles and other applications that provide economic and environmental benefits to Albertans.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss propane's role in affordability, energy security, and economic competitiveness, and to explore opportunities for policy solutions that support Albertans while encouraging the use of reliable, domestically produced energy.



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Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to continued dialogue.

Sincerely,

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