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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**Re: Nord Stream II pipeline**

As Russia continues to escalate its malign activities against Ukraine, Georgia, and Belarus and continues to target those who oppose the Putin regime, opposition to the completion of the Nord Stream II pipeline has significantly grown in the European Union, particularly within Germany.

If completed, the Nord Stream II Pipeline, connecting Russia and Germany, will seriously destabilize the European continent's energy security and make the European Union significantly more reliant on Russian gas. The completion of the pipeline will also undermine Ukraine's security, allowing Russia to bypass Ukrainian pipelines to deliver natural gas to the EU and removing one of the last impediments to a full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

The United States, Canada's closest and most important ally, vigorously opposes the construction of Nord Stream II. US legislation "requires that the President impose broad sanctions on foreign persons or companies involved in providing vessels for the installation of deep-sea pipeline for the Nord Stream 2 project."

In response to a UCC survey prior to the 2019 Federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada stated, "we have consistently expressed concern about the Nord Stream II pipeline and its passage through parts of Europe, particularly through the territory of key NATO allies like Germany. Given Russia's aggressive behaviour in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, along with its other clear actions of interference, we have legitimate concerns about what this pipeline could mean and have made that clear to friends and partners, including Ukraine."

Given the growing opposition to the Nord Stream II pipeline and the threat which the completion of the pipeline would pose to European security, the UCC calls on the Government of Canada to explicitly voice its opposition to Nord Stream II and adopt legislation that would mirror US sanctions on companies involved in the construction of the pipeline.

Yours truly,

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