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Honorable Minister Kaycee Madu  
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Dear Minister Madu,

**Re: Designated Industrial (DI) Property Requisition – 2018 Budget Information Request**

The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) recognizes the efforts of the Alberta Government in implementing the *Modernized Municipal Government Act*. One significant aspect of this is the centralization of the property assessment for designated industrial properties including linear property. It is our understanding that the centralization will lead to improved consistency and equity for industrial taxpayers, and lower administrative costs for municipalities and that all costs associated with the assessment function will be paid for by industry as per Ministerial Order No. MAG: 003/18. CEPA supports any initiative to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the property assessment process and believes greater transparency is a key aspect of meeting this objective.

In 2018, the province requisitioned approximately \$5.8 million in Designated Industrial (DI) property taxes from designated industrial property owners in order to pay for the costs incurred by the provincial assessor's office to prepare industrial property assessments. In 2019, this requisition has grown to \$13.5 million. Given that all costs associated with the provinces assessment function will be paid for by industry, CEPA requests an updated detailed budget of the anticipated tax to be collected as a result of Ministerial Order No. MAG:010/19, as well as a breakdown of this budget by municipality. CEPA is requesting this information to understand how the DI requisition is being applied, staffing levels, external contractors, studies, litigation, etc.

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding any of the above comments, please contact Kai Horsfield at [khorsfield@cepa.com](mailto:khorsfield@cepa.com) or by phone at 403.891.5241.

Yours sincerely,

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