On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the International Pipeline Conference 2018.

The opportunity to build Canadian energy infrastructure is here. This is an important moment in Canada’s history; allowing us to put disagreements behind us and to work together as partners and members of the great Canadian family to build a greener, stronger, more sustainable, more prosperous, more equal, and more resilient country.

We know pipelines are the safest, most cost-effective way to move oil to market. And we know there is a global appetite for oil that is developed responsibly. We have already seen interest in our products from markets around the globe – what we need is the means to get it there.

This conference connects experts from around the world to exchange ideas and learn about exciting, new initiatives in the pipeline industry. From discussions on effective pipeline project delivery and design to reclamation and mitigation, we can all benefit from your shared ideas. I commend all the delegates here today for your dedication to work together to develop safe, reliable, and responsible ways to transport energy resources.

Our government is committed to working in partnership with the energy industry and our provincial and federal partners to build pipelines and expand our market access. I’m very optimistic there is a way forward but this path requires a careful balance. We can protect our environment. We can fight climate change. We can protect good energy industry jobs. And we can build the infrastructure that connects us to the world.

I wish you all the best for a successful and rewarding conference.

Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta