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Dear MLA Williams, Local Governments and Political Parties of British Columbia,

Please find attached correspondence from Council for the City of Enderby with respect to Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act.

Sincerely,

Andraya Holmes

Clerk Secretary

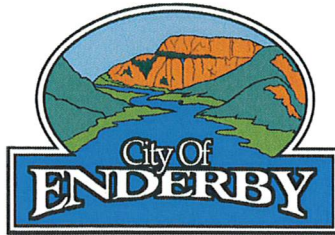
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April 23, 2025

MLA David Williams
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
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Re: Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act

Dear Mr. Williams:

Council has resolved to express its concerns regarding *Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

Council for the City of Enderby recognizes that the economic challenge posed by tariffs requires an effective government response. However, that response must flow from our shared commitment to transparency, accountability, and public participation.

Council respectfully requests that the Government of British Columbia makes the following changes to *Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*, before it becomes law:

1. Modify Part 2 [Procurement Directives] of the Act to ensure that there is adequate provision for oversight, accountability, and performance measurement in government purchasing programs and policies under this part;
2. Define the intent, scope and limits of Part 3 [Tolls, Fees and Charges] of the Act and include a requirement for regular and ongoing consultation with British Columbian citizens, including indigenous persons, and businesses to understand and adapt to the consequences of measures taken under this part; and
3. Add a requirement to Part 5 [General Provisions] of the Act requiring regular public reporting of regulations made under the Act, including the objectives, performance measures, and impacts of those regulations upon British Columbian citizens, including indigenous persons, and businesses.

Moreover, we urge the Government of British Columbia to:

4. Commit to not reintroducing Part 4 [Lieutenant Governor in Council's Response Powers] of the Act whatsoever, including as a separate enactment.

When the intentions of a law enacted by the Legislative Assembly are not clearly expressed, regulations risk defining the law rather than following from the law. In this time of crisis, we urge the Government of British Columbia to legislate in a manner that upholds the rule of law, not the rule of regulation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Huck Galbraith
Mayor

Cc: Local Governments of BC
British Columbia New Democratic Party
Conservative Party of BC
Green Party of British Columbia