

As members of Alberta's oil and gas industry you are well aware Alberta is experiencing the worst downturn in memory. Much of the cause is out of our control -- the collapse of oil and gas prices and the international credit crisis. But what started the problem, and continues to magnify it, is Premier Ed Stelmach and his New Royalty Framework (NRF) introduced January 1, 2009.

The NRF was passed into law despite unanimous warnings from both the energy industry and the investment community; that it would destroy investor confidence in Alberta and move exploration and development capital to other economic jurisdictions. This has all happened. The band-aid modifications to the NRF to spur activity now that drilling and investment have collapsed is insufficient to help many companies and workers survive this dramatic downturn.

Watching the direction Alberta has taken since Stelmach became leader of the Tory party leads us to conclude that the ultimate success of our industry is now political. Only when the government of Alberta supports and trusts its' most important industry – oil and gas – will Alberta's future be truly secure.

Therefore, we have joined a group of like-minded oilfield service and junior oil and gas executives in supporting the Wildrose Alliance Party of Alberta to help it become the future government of this province. Party leader Paul Hinman is the only politician in Alberta that is on record as rejecting the NRF upon the release of the "Our Fair Share" report by the clearly biased royalty review panel. Wildrose Alliance is committed to the principles of free enterprise. It's policies encourage growth in all industries while controlling government spending, so Alberta lives within its means in good times and bad.

Wildrose Alliance and Alberta need your help. Please join our party as an active member and make a personal or corporate donation. All funds will be put to good use. Our plan is to construct a broad-based party with true economically conservative principals that can move Alberta back from the left to the centre. There will be an AGM in early June to approve changed party policy and we continue to add new and committed people to our team. The future of us all now depends on changing Alberta's political leadership and getting our province back on the path to prosperity. Our oil and gas industry must continue to lead the way.

Please help us to help Alberta to a new political future.





