

There is no question at all but that these initiatives involve a major step in Canada's growth as a nation. There is going to be controversy, but there is always controversy as a nation moves forward. Every reform is going to meet resistance from people who are comfortable with things as they were, or resistance from people who doubt the ability of Canada to stand on its own.

We have built our skills and our identity and our confidence. We live in the world, indeed we thrive in the world and the new opportunities in trade give us the chance to achieve new growth, create new jobs and continue to fortify and assert our distinctive identity. That is what we are here to do.