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Hi everyone, I trust you are keeping well during this challenging time.

Noia has been having frequent discussions with ministers O'Regan and Coady and their officials about how the COVID-19 global pandemic and the collapse of oil prices has impacted our industry. We have provided them with a tremendous amount of details about our current situation and how government can help our industry recover.

At the end of April, Noia submitted comments on the regional assessment regulation discussion document. You can read the submission [here](#). A regional assessment will allow exploration projects to be exempt from the onerous provisions of the Impact Assessment Act (Bill C-69) and hopefully drastically shorten timelines for approval of exploration programs. At our virtual town hall held on April 27, Minister O'Regan confirmed the regulation, and thus the regional assessment, will be in place at the end of May.

I am also attaching the most recent letter Noia has sent to Minister O'Regan outlining our recent discussions and emphasizing the initiatives that can be employed immediately to help our industry. That letter can be read [here](#).

I would like to thank those of you who have participated in our social media campaign and who have written to Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister O'Regan. Our social media campaign demonstrated why our industry is important, and why we are so proud of our accomplishments. The letters to the prime minister that many of you shared with me have been extremely articulate and personal, and I thank you for making such an effort.

We encourage you to keep sharing your story as we continue our advocacy efforts. The needs of our industry and Noia members are urgent and to remain globally competitive we require immediate action from the federal government. As we move forward in seeking that assistance we will share further updates on our progress. Once again, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown in recent weeks.

Stay well.

Charlene