**Dear Premiers Ford,  Legault, King, Houston,  Higgs, Kinew, Eby, Moe, Smith, Fury, Simpson, Pillai, Akeeagok,**
I am a Canadian, born and raised in Aberta seven decades ago.  I have never been more concerned than I am today of where our country is headed. **I would appreciate a response from each of you, my question is will you take action to Stop Bill C-293?**
I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding **Bill C-293: An Act respecting pandemic prevention and preparedness**, and the significant risks it poses to **Canadian sovereignty** and the **jurisdictional balance** between federal and provincial governments. While the goal of improving pandemic preparedness is important, this bill represents **jurisdictional overreach** that could undermine provincial authority and the freedoms of all Canadians.

It opens the door to serious concerns about the **erosion of Canadian sovereignty**, the potential for the creation of a **command economy**, and the influence of **foreign entities** on Canada's domestic policies.

Health, agriculture, and natural resources have traditionally been under provincial jurisdiction, yet this bill empowers the federal government, through the Minister of Health and other federal departments, to impose policies and regulations that affect these domains. The bill’s broad and undefined terms, such as pandemic risk and One Health approach, allow for far-reaching federal intervention, including the regulation of activities in agriculture, land use, and commercial sectors, which are typically areas of provincial control.

This undermines the spirit of **federalism** and the **division of powers** enshrined in the Canadian Constitution.

In addition to jurisdictional overreach, **Bill C-293** potentially opens the door to **judicial overreach**. The bill mandates Canada to conform to **international standards** set by bodies like the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** and **World Health Organization (WHO)**, effectively outsourcing Canadian public health and economic policy decisions to **foreign organizations**. This means that Canadians may be subject to **global judicial frameworks** and rulings from bodies with no direct accountability to Canadian citizens.

The bill’s reliance on the **One Health approach,** which integrates the health of humans, animals, and ecosystems may sound reasonable but comes with the risk of allowing international standards to dictate what Canadians can eat, how we use our land, and how we conduct our industries, all in the name of **pandemic preparedness**.

Aligning Canadian policies with **global metrics** developed by foreign entities like UNEP, is effectively **opening the door for Canada to adopt policies that might not prioritize our national interests**.

This **judicially undefined scope,** without specific definitions or terms of what constitutes a pandemic threat sets a dangerous precedent for **unaccountable governance**.

As Premier, I urge you to recognize that **Bill C-293** represents a fundamental challenge to the **constitutional division of powers** and provincial autonomy. You and your fellow Premiers possess the ability to **take legal action** to challenge this bill under the **Canadian Constitution**, particularly through **Section 92**, which outlines the provincial jurisdiction over health and agriculture. Here are potential legal avenues:

1. **Constitutional Challenge**: Premiers can file a legal challenge in the courts, arguing that **Bill C-293** exceeds the federal government’s powers by encroaching on provincial jurisdiction, specifically over **public health, agriculture, and environmental policy**.
2. **Intergovernmental Agreements**: Premiers can band together to refuse cooperation with federal mandates that are not aligned with **provincial interests** or autonomy. Premiers can also insist on **intergovernmental agreements** that secure provincial control over key elements of any pandemic preparedness strategy.
3. **Section 33 (Notwithstanding Clause)**: While typically used for civil liberties issues, Premiers may explore options to invoke the **Notwithstanding Clause** if any elements of Bill C-293 infringe on **provincial autonomy** or constitutionally protected rights.

**Collaboration to Protect Canadian Sovereignty**
This is not a partisan issue; it is a matter of **protecting Canada’s sovereignty** and preventing the erosion of provincial powers. I implore you to unite with your fellow Premiers, irrespective of political affiliation, to take a stand on behalf of **Canadians**. Together, you can **challenge the overreach of this bill** through legal action and assert the rights of provinces to govern their own healthcare, industries, and land.

I urge you to act swiftly and decisively to stop **Bill C-293** and ensure that Canadian policies are made by **Canadians**, for **Canadians**, free from foreign influence or overreach. The future of our nation’s sovereignty, autonomy, and economic freedom depends on it.

**Again my question is: Will you stand with Canadians to Stop Bill C-293?**
**Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your leadership in defending the rights of all Canadians and to your response to my concerns.**
**Kind Regards,**
**Connie Shields**