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## **Press Release**

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# **Conservative MPs Hold Energy Retreat**

Brad Trost, MP for Saskatoon-Humboldt, and chair of the Conservative Party's Energy Caucus, today declared that the Party's first energy caucus retreat was a great success.

"Our meetings in Calgary demonstrate that the CPC is working to move energy issues forward," said Trost. "Canada's energy sector holds great promise for the future prosperity of the entire nation, provided that the federal Liberals address a number of key issues."

Specifically, Trost identified 4 action items:

1. Paul Martin needs to appoint a new Deputy Minister at Natural Resources Canada.
2. The federal government must develop and release a Canadian energy policy framework.
3. Environmental assessment programs must be simplified and regulatory approval waiting times must be reduced.
4. A short and a long term skills strategy for the energy sector must be developed as quickly as possible.

"I look forward to our continued work with the energy industry on these issues," Trost said.

"It is my sincere hope that the federal Liberals outline Canada's energy policy goals as quickly as possible."