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Dennis Bevington, MP Western Arctic releases a new report entitled “Bill C-45: Jobs and Growth (Omnibus Budget Bill) Implications for Canada’s North”.

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Today Dennis Bevington, MP Western Arctic released a report entitled “**Bill C-45: Jobs and Growth (Omnibus Budget Bill) Implications for Canada’s North**”.

The report, produced by Lutra Associates, follows a similar study released by Bevington earlier in the year outlining the implications of Omnibus Bill C-38 on northerners.

“As today is Earth Day, it is very important to reflect on how essential it is to safeguard clean water, clean air and ensure a healthy and sustaining land base”, states Bevington, “This new report closely examines the impacts, changes and implications of the Conservatives Bill C-45 upon our northern communities and environment.”

The Omnibus Budget Bill C-45: Jobs and Growth Act became law in December 2012 after strong opposition was voiced in Parliament because of the mostly non- fiscal measures placed into the legislation which were unrelated to the governments operating budget. The result saw change to more than 120 Canadian laws and regulations without rationale, fiscal analysis or public transparency.

“As a result”, Bevington states, “the integrity and credibility of Parliament was further damaged. The changes forced upon Canadians, without any consultation, are going to have major impacts on First Nations, communities and the environment across Canada and in the Northwest Territories.”

The report details the implications of Bill C-45 upon all northerners referencing the impacts on the Fundamentals of Democracy, our Social Safety Net, Labour Rights, Aboriginal People and Communities. The report also examines the elimination of Oversight Agencies and the fundamental changes made to Environmental Protection and Management.

Bevington concludes, “My hope is that all northerners concerned with the health and wellbeing of their part of the Northwest Territories will read the report and reflect upon implications of the changes that have been forced upon them”,

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