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**Interviewer:** This is Carl Jackson with 550 News in Edmonton, Alberta. Good evening. This morning 150 protesters met in front of the State Parliament here in Edmonton for a ‘A Day of Action’. They were protesting the plan to build a new pipeline from Alberta to the east coast. With me this evening here in the studio is their leader, the activist Jane Drew and Greg Baker, Communications Director at Canada Oil. Thank you both very much for joining me. How are you?

**Jane:** It’s great to be here!

**Greg:** Thank you for having me, Carl. I’m glad to get the opportunity to inform your audience about our project.

**Interviewer:** So, Jane, please tell us what happened this morning. We all want to know.

**Jane:** Well, we came to show that we’re against this 4,000-kilometre pipeline. Some of us were arrested by the police for refusing to move. But that can’t stop us. We have to do what’s right. For our world, for the future and for our children.

**Interviewer:** Greg, what’s your position on the protests against your project to build this new pipeline?

**Greg:** For a start I’d like to say that our company takes people’s worries very seriously. But I’m sure that a huge majority in this country realizes that the pipeline is a great opportunity for Canada. It will help our country to earn huge sums of money and to be financially independent.

**Interviewer:** In that case, could you explain to us why you are against the project anyway, Jane?

**Jane:** Well, not everything is about money. First of all, the pipeline crosses the land of indigenous peoples. It doesn’t belong to the oil companies. We believe that the indigenous peoples should be the ones who decide what happens. And that’s why we are supporting them.

**Greg:** I don’t think that’s a fair way to describe what is happening. Fact is that our company has been in talks with the indigenous communities right from the start, and many of them support the pipeline. We’re optimistic that we’ll be able to find a solution together with them. And as a result, thousands of small communities will be richer.

**Jane:** We’ll see about that – there are many tribes that are against the pipeline. And what about the danger of leaks in the pipeline? Everyone knows that Canada Oil has a horrible history of such accidents.

**Interviewer:** Greg, what’s your reaction to that?

**Greg:** Canada Oil has years of experience in the production and transport of oil. We are using the best technology available to keep the risk of such events as low as we can. We feel responsible for our environment, and our company has always followed the highest standards.

**Jane:** If that’s true, then why do we still have to talk about air pollution? We already produce millions of tons of CO2 every year by burning oil to create energy. The pipeline will only help us to go on like that. There is the danger …

**Greg:** Excuse me if I interrupt you here, but right now Canada is third in the world for air quality. And last week the government made a statement that clean air and water is the number one topic for them.

**Jane:** Please let me finish my thought. I’m also talking about the effects of CO2 on climate change. Our government has no clear ideas about how to deal with that problem. It will only get worse if we don’t stop using oil, coal and gas.

**Greg:** Well, you said it yourself: That’s a political decision that the government has to make. But my company is not responsible for that in any way.

**Jane:** Oh, we’ll have to agree to disagree on that point, I’m afraid …

**Interviewer:** I’ll have to stop you here for a minute. We’ll be back after the break, when we continue our conversation. After that Jane and Greg are going to answer our listeners’ questions. So don’t go away …