

# Friday's letters: Summer of repeal sacrifices province

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Alberta Premier Jason Kenney looks to the gallery after the speech from the throne was delivered in Edmonton on Wednesday May 22, 2019. *JASON FRANSON / THE CANADIAN PRESS*

Apropos of the U.S. experience, but equally relevant in Alberta, it has been suggested that, having done the virtuous thing once — by electing the only truly progressive, social democratic government the province has ever had — voters then felt

emboldened to succumb to their worst instincts the next time around.

Having made his bones by leading the attack on Muslim women in the Harper government, then promising to out our sexually curious children, Mr. Kenney now promises a “summer of repeal.” First the carbon tax — a fight he must know he cannot win, but perhaps the battle is what is important to him — then a rollback of strides made by the Notley government in education and workers’ rights, accompanied by a race to the bottom in corporate taxes.

The NDP, and other progressives, realize that the growth Alberta needs requires an educated and healthy workforce. Instead, Kenney is willing to sacrifice the entire province to serve his ideological fervour. What a guy.

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