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U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Energy Resources, Room 4843
Attn: Keystone XL Public Comments
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Support for Keystone XL Pipeline – National Interest Determination

Dear Secretary Kerry:

I am writing to express my support for the Keystone XL Pipeline and urge you to approve this project by granting the Presidential Permit. The Keystone XL Pipeline will not only improve American energy security and booster our economy for years to come, but we will immediately see thousands of jobs created to construct this pipeline.

Our country has been fighting high unemployment rates throughout many parts of the United States, and we have an opportunity to support about 42,000 direct/indirect manufacturing and construction jobs by approving the Keystone XL Pipeline. In the latest environmental impact review, the report highlights that approximately \$2 billion of earnings throughout the United States will be generated and about \$3.4 billion will be contributed to US Gross Domestic Product. These are staggering figures that will benefit all citizens within the United States.

I understand that pipeline safety is a huge concern, but every mode of transportation carries risk. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement finds if this project goes ahead, we will see fewer spills, fewer injuries, and fewer fatalities when compared to the alternative of transporting crude oil by rail. With the recent increase in train derailments and TransCanada's agreement to safety measures that go beyond usual pipeline requirements recommended by the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, this project makes sense.

I applaud the Department of State's thoroughness during this approval process and appreciate the multiple opportunities for public input, but now it's time to approve this pipeline. It's in our nation's best interest.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Stivers".

Robert Stivers
President of the Senate