



Ohio General Assembly
House of Representatives
Columbus

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

Re: Support for Keystone XL Pipeline – National Interest Determination

Dear Secretary Kerry:

The Keystone XL pipeline is in our nation's best interest. The project will help bolster our nation's energy security, create jobs and lower prices for consumers in Ohio. That is why we are writing to express our support for the Keystone XL Pipeline and urge you to approve this project by granting the Presidential Permit. The Keystone XL Pipeline not only will improve American energy security and booster our economy for years to come, but will immediately create thousands of jobs.

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. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement highlights that approximately \$2 billion of earnings throughout the United States will be generated and about \$3.4 billion will be contributed to U.S. Gross Domestic Product. These are staggering figures that will benefit all American citizens.

We understand that pipeline safety is a huge concern, but every mode of transportation carries risk, and Keystone XL has undergone one of the most thorough environmental reviews ever conducted. With the recent increase in train derailments and TransCanada's agreement to

implement 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 eminent good sense. Moreover, 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.

We applaud the Department of State's thoroughness during this approval process and appreciate the multiple opportunities for public input. The merits of the project clearly demonstrate that it is in our national interest. Now that we have the facts, it's time to move forward and grant Keystone XL a Presidential Permit. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important project for robust American job creation and greater energy independence.

Sincerely,

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