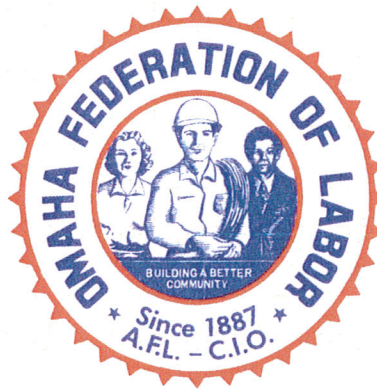


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**Terry L. Moore**  
*President*

To All Nebraska State Senators:

On behalf of the Omaha Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, I am writing you today to wholeheartedly endorse the application at the Public Service Commission to approve the Keystone XL pipeline. TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL project has endured over seven years of exhaustive federal and state reviews stating the pipeline is safe to build, will create thousands of family-supporting union jobs and is important to our nation and Nebraska's economic and security interests.

Nebraska's union labor was proud to build the first Keystone pipeline which has been operating safely in Nebraska since 2009. Linear infrastructure projects like pipelines play a vital role in our economy. The Keystone XL project will deliver 800,000 barrels per day of both Canadian and American crude oil to Gulf Coast refineries. Once refined, the resulting fuel and other products come right back to states like Nebraska to fuel our daily lives. The pipeline will be built by the most well-trained, skilled workers available on earth, and according to the many studies conducted, be safest pipeline ever built. Additionally, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA), states that pipelines are exponentially safer to transport crude than rail or trucks. Make no mistake, the same oil that would be transported on Keystone XL is being transported today, through small and large towns in Nebraska via rail and truck. Currently, there are over 21,000 miles of hazardous materials pipeline crossing the Ogallala Aquifer in Nebraska – most of which are over 60 years old. Keystone XL will be state of the art and employ the industry's highest safety standards and technology.

Here in Nebraska the Keystone XL project will employ approximately 4,500 direct construction jobs, in addition to tens of thousands of spin-off jobs both in the manufacturing and service industries in Nebraska and nationwide. Along the route, an estimated total of over \$100 million in local property tax revenues will be generated for local governments to use at their discretion. TransCanada and their employees have been in Nebraska since 1983 and are actively engaged in our local communities. They are good corporate citizens.

Once again, on behalf of the working men and women of the Omaha Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, I encourage you to support the Keystone XL application. It will unlock good, family supporting jobs, provide a much-needed boost to our local economy and guarantee a stable, conflict-free source of oil to fuel America, making us more secure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Moore, President

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