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Dear Mr. Hybl:

I am writing to express the support of the Government of Saskatchewan for TransCanada Corporation's proposed Keystone XL (KXL) Pipeline Project now undergoing review before the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

This important project has received regulatory approvals in prior years from Canada's National Energy Board and was issued a United States (US) Presidential Permit on March 24, 2017, approving the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of pipeline facilities at the US-Canadian border in Phillips County, Montana for the importation of crude oil.

The Government of Saskatchewan supports this project because it is good news for Saskatchewan, Canada, and the US.

The usage of this pipeline by oil producers will provide more good news as well. It will help ensure security of the North American energy marketplace by allowing for displacement of somewhat less reliable offshore imports of crude oil into US refineries near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. It will provide a pipeline opportunity for both Canadian and American crude oil by way of the proposed Bakken Marketlink Pipeline, which would provide an "on-ramp" to connect North Dakota Bakken oilfields with the proposed KXL Pipeline Project.

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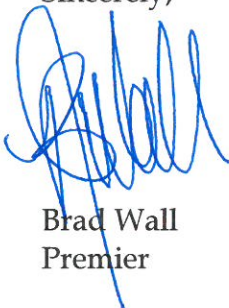
Continental energy security has long been discussed as part of energy independence discussions in the US. It may now have a role in US energy dominance discussions that include larger foreign policy considerations as well as US domestic policy considerations respecting growth of the US economy.

The Government of Saskatchewan supports the proposed KXL Pipeline Project even though it is not anticipated that Saskatchewan crude oil will enter this pipeline even as it runs through Saskatchewan, the second largest crude oil producing province in Canada.

This project will bring crude oil from the middle of the continent to tidewater at the Gulf Coast. This will enhance the efficiency of the continental crude oil marketplace. This enhanced efficiency will benefit producers in the entire North American crude oil marketplace, including producers in Saskatchewan and other jurisdictions whose crude oil will not enter this pipeline.

The Government of Saskatchewan supports alternatives to pipeline services, but supports pipeline services in particular. Pipelines provide a lower cost and lower risk form of transportation for crude oil. Building pipelines benefits society.

Sincerely,



Brad Wall
Premier

cc Honourable Dustin Duncan
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