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Dear Senator Tester,

I strongly encourage your support for the completion of the critical American infrastructure project: Keystone XL. Keystone has gone above and beyond committing to achieve net zero emissions.

This project is needed more than ever with the current economy. Not only in our area, but the entire country. Our business was fortunate enough to be blessed with having one the pipeline projects start in early 2020, right when the pandemic was causing many businesses to shut down. We were able to keep our business open and keep employees on payroll because of this.

Living in a rural area, the tax revenue if Keystone can move forward would be a huge benefit. Rural areas struggle with keeping their schools open and maintained, roads and bridges maintained, county and city buildings maintained, the list goes on and on. The property taxpayers in these areas need some help. This project would do just that.

The President stopping this project clearly states that those of us this directly effects do not matter. Using the reasoning to stop the project as environmental, to me, is not looking at the science he speaks of. Keystone has been very vocal and is already ahead of the curve by being net zero with emissions once placed into service. Science and common sense have already shown that the safest way to transport gas and oil is by pipelines, which the US already has millions of miles of.

I am counting on you to support this project and help deliver the thousands of high-quality and high paying American jobs as well as millions of dollars in annual property taxes. This project has had to endure far too many hurdles. I am personally thankful they have not given up.

Here is a link to a video taken in the spring of 2020. The video is of a dear friend of mine that passed away this summer from a long battle with cancer. He sums up the pipeline in a way I cannot with words.

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/413663330>

Sincerely,

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