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Dear Governor Gianforte,

As a businesswoman working in healthcare administration for over 30 years and the last 16 years in Eastern Montana, I am writing to you on behalf of McCone County Health Center in Circle as I appreciate your support for the completion of a critical American infrastructure project: Keystone XL.

As you know, it's a time when the U.S. economy is tougher than ever for businesses – like healthcare facilities and especially for frontier Critical Access Hospitals – I feel impassion to share with you just how vital Keystone XL is to the current and future success of our local economy and in the lives of the citizens in Circle, McCone County, Montana.

The pipeline will generate more than \$2 billion in U.S. wages and add \$3.4 billion to the U.S. GDP during construction. Literally dozens of struggling small towns along the path have benefited and will continue to benefit exponentially from the big economic lift that Keystone XL brings with it. For us at McCone County Health Center, the Keystone XL project means we can provide healthcare services to their workers and McCone County will be able to provide more financial support to their county-owned healthcare facility which would allow us to make the necessary improvements to our old building and add healthcare services desired by our community members. Community businesses will thrive too as McCone County will have 2 pump stations and stands to take in over \$15 million in tax revenue the first year the pipeline goes live. Other frontier counties that would benefit with pump stations are Phillips, Valley, Prairie and Fallon.

As a leader of our community, I know you can appreciate how badly we need this boost to support the place we call home. Your constituents are hard-working Americans who desperately want – and need – to get back to work so they can put food on the table and provide for their families during an incredibly challenging time in our history. Keystone XL provides us the ability to do all of this.

The project has also changed significantly since it was conceived. TC Energy has committed to utilize only union labor to build Keystone XL in the United States, resulting in up to 8,000 jobs and \$900 million gross union wages in 2021 alone. As part of this, the company is creating a \$10 million Green Jobs Training Fund to aid union members in a transition to the green economy of the future. Keystone XL has also signed agreements with Indigenous communities to become equity owners in the project and realize transformational long-term economic benefits. This is in addition to the more than \$500 million expected to be spent with Indigenous contractors, businesses, and workers during construction. Keystone XL has already proven how significant they are to our communities as they hired local contractors to help build their contractor camp and yard in McCone County.

This project has already experienced far too many unnecessary delays and scrutiny. Further delaying or canceling projects like Keystone XL sends a clear message to American companies working on them: our voice isn't important, and it's not being heard. Please do whatever you can to prevent these jobs from being taken away from your constituents. I'm not sure McCone County will survive without Keystone XL – that's how important it is to livelihood.

I am counting on you to make sure your voice is heard and help deliver the thousands of high-quality and high-paying American jobs as well as millions of dollars in annual property taxes from the project that will directly support American schools, hospitals and first responders at a time when this support is most needed.

As the Chief Executive Officer at McCone County Health Center and in the continued interest of McCone County, I strongly urge you to show your support for Keystone XL and help it progress to strengthen the future of our country.

I would be happy to discuss this issue further at your convenience and address any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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