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Immediate Attention Requested

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To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives
House staff assigned to energy and/or steel issues

SUPPORT H.R. 3, THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ACT

Background

The proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta to the United States has undergone a lengthy review process by the federal government over the past six years. In its Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the revised Keystone XL pipeline route, the State Department concluded that the project would create substantial economic benefits, while having minimal environmental impact.

Creating an abundant and affordable energy supply by developing a variety of resources is critical for domestic economic growth and job creation, and is essential to maintain and enhance the international competitiveness of American manufacturing, in particular energy-intensive industries like steel. Furthermore, the production and transmission of energy provides key markets for steel pipe and tube products. Expanding pipeline capacity from Canada to the Gulf Coast via the proposed Keystone XL project would provide more flexibility to the U.S. supply system, allowing infrastructure to reflect oil supply trends and enable increased domestic energy production in the upper Midwest.

Situation

H.R. 3 is scheduled to be considered by the full House of Representatives this week. The legislation would approve the Keystone XL permit application, allowing the project to be constructed and begin operations.

Request

It is essential that Congress act to ensure the approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline without further delay. This project will have substantial benefits to the United States, creating valuable jobs and increasing energy supplies. AISI urges all members of House to support the legislation when it is considered on the floor on Friday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Gibson".

Thomas J. Gibson
President and CEO