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The Honorable Kevin Cramer
Member of Congress
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Dear Congressman Cramer:

On behalf of the American Supply Association (ASA), the national trade association serving wholesaler-distributors and manufacturers in the plumbing, heating, cooling, piping (PHCP) and industrial and mechanical pipe, valves, and fittings (PVF) industry, **we thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 3, the *Keystone XL Approval Act*.**

The men and women of ASA are primarily multi-generation, independent wholesaler-distributors who are highly dependent on a healthy residential and commercial construction sector along with a vibrant oil and gas industry. With our economy continuing to show few signs of certainty or recovery, we thank you for pursuing this much-needed infusion in industrial development that will bring thousands of new jobs which America urgently needs.

Like you and millions of Americans, there is nothing we want more than an energy independent United States. The reality is that we are not yet there. Likewise, our use of petroleum isn't likely to contract in the near term to reduce our reliance on this form of energy. With the opportunity to securely import much of our energy needs from our friends to the north rather than those who may not have our best interests at heart, we support developing a new pipeline with our allies in Canada.

The American Supply Association prides itself on safely transporting gases and liquids to the benefit of the American economy every day. Whether it is the fabrication of valves or fittings that serve as vital instruments in various industries, to meeting the needs of the contractors installing such equipment, our members provide essential services and employ thousands of Americans both directly and indirectly. **We appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and support passage of H.R. 3.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Hilton'.

Daniel Hilton
Director of Government Affairs
American Supply Association