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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the approximately 750,000 active members and retirees of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I urge you to support the *Keystone XL Pipeline Act* (H.R. 3), legislation to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

At a time when job creation should be a top priority, the Keystone XL Pipeline (KXL) project will put Americans back-to-work and have ripple benefits throughout the economy. During construction the project is expected to support at least 42,000 jobs and contribute \$3.4 billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. From pipe manufactured in Arkansas, to pump motors assembled in Ohio and transformers built in Pennsylvania, workers from all over the United States will benefit from the project.

Specific to the IBEW, our highly skilled, extensively trained and licensed members would be working on KXL's pump stations. Each station will be located approximately 50 miles apart along the proposed 1,700 mile pipeline and contain between two to five pumps driven by 6,500 horsepower high-voltage motors. Every station will require approximately 6,000 electrical labor hours to complete.

As many of the pump facilities will be constructed in remote locations, new high-voltage transmission lines must be built in order to supply electrical power to the stations. For example, in Nebraska a new transmission line that will be needed would be 74 miles long and carry 115,000 volts. This "project within a project" is valued at \$49 million and will provide approximately 55,500 hours of labor for line workers.

Although America is slowly recovering from the worst recession since the Great Depression, unemployment rates in the construction industry remain relatively high. To help create jobs, I urge you to vote yes on H.R. 3, the *Keystone XL Pipeline Act*.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin D. Hill
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