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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we would like to convey our strong support for HR 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, which will clear the way for approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

One of the key objectives to securing the nation’s long-term economic security is the need to expand our access to safe, secure and sustainable sources of energy. Increased global demand for energy and the continued economic and political volatility in many oil producing regions demonstrates a clear and growing need here at home for all forms of reliable and affordable energy. To enhance our energy security and develop more reliable and stable long-term energy sources, the U.S. must pursue every avenue possible towards achieving a greater degree and balance of energy self-sufficiency, ranging from innovative alternative/renewable energy sources to natural gas and oil. Building the Keystone XL Pipeline should be a part of this national energy strategy.

The Keystone XL Pipeline will link new sources of oil in Canada to refineries in the Midwest and Texas and is an essential step to achieving a more stable energy supply. Canada remains the largest supplier of imported oil and natural gas to the United States. According to a report for the U.S. Department of Energy (Ensys 2010), U.S. refining and import of Canadian crude will more than double in the next two decades. At a time of unrest and uncertainty in other energy producing countries around the world, Canada's vast energy reserves are more important to the future of U.S. energy security than ever before.

The Keystone XL pipeline will help to address our energy needs over the long term and will also create significant job growth at an important time in our country. The construction phase of the project will entail 13,000 direct construction and manufacturing jobs and indirect new jobs could total 118,000 in the U.S. In addition, it is estimated that construction will result in \$20 billion in private sector investment in the U.S. economy and \$585 million in new taxes for states and local governments along the pipeline route.

Investment in the Keystone XL Pipeline will create new infrastructure opportunities and result in new engineering jobs.

We commend Congressman Terry for introducing this important legislation, and ACEC urges its quick passage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David A. Raymond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David A. Raymond
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