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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API), I write today in support of H.R. 3, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline and applaud the leadership of Congressman Cramer to bring this bill to floor.

Like previous House legislation, this represents the strong bipartisan support the project has long received among Americans. Polls continue to show nearly 75% of voters, a majority of both Democrats and Republicans, support putting our labor forces to work and finally building the Keystone XL Pipeline. However, after over six years and five completed federal reviews confirming the safety of the pipeline and the thousands of jobs that would be created, the president still continues to delay this project. NOW is the time for Democrats and Republicans to come together and demonstrate leadership by moving this project forward.

According to the State Department's own estimate, the Keystone XL Pipeline will create over 42,000 jobs and put over \$2 billion in workers' pockets at a time when our construction work force continues to face an unemployment rate higher than the national average. In addition, the Pipeline will also enhance our energy security by strengthening our relationship with our closest, most reliable ally, Canada. America can no longer afford to wait for this project.

We commend all the efforts by the House to approve this long overdue project. We look forward to continuing to work with you to move this legislation to the president's desk and finally putting thousands of Americans to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard" in a cursive, flowing script.

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