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United House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

I am writing to express the strong support of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for the Keystone XL Pipeline. The Keystone XL pipeline project has been subjected to over six and one-half years of scrutiny, including review by 10 federal agencies, as well as numerous state and local agency reviews. We believe that it is time to end the delay and to move forward with the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. We ask you to support H.R. 3, the Keystone XL Pipeline Act, when it comes to the House floor this week.

The Teamsters Union continues to believe that the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline will contribute to enhanced energy security, economic prosperity and, of critical importance, the creation of good paying jobs. Unemployment in the building and construction workforce still remains too high. Construction of the pipeline will provide much needed and good paying jobs for this workforce, and have a positive impact for related industries. Not only will utilization of a project labor agreement for the KXL enhance the safety, technical performance, reliability and quality of the project, it will also maximize employment opportunities for local residents along the proposed corridor. Further, the fifty-nine special conditions agreed to for the project will provide an even greater degree of safety than any typically constructed domestic oil pipeline.

If the pipeline is not built, important socio-economic benefits will not be realized – the positive impacts on local, state and federal revenue, spending by construction workers, and spending on construction goods and services. Building the Keystone XL Pipeline will enhance U.S. energy and economic security. It is time to move forward without further delay.

Sincerely,

  
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