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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I write to express our Union's support for H.R. 3, the Keystone XL Pipeline Act. For over six (6) years, and after five (5) Environmental Impact Statements, this massive energy infrastructure project has been stalled because of political games. Crass politics have subverted the review process and Congress needs to put an end to this nonsense.

Regardless of the lies and mischaracterization of construction jobs as somehow being inferior because of the temporary nature of the industry, this legislation is a jobs bill for the thousands of union construction workers that will build this Pipeline. The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that TransCanada voluntarily agreed to guarantees that the construction workers who work on the Keystone XL Pipeline will earn family supporting wages and benefits, something that every Member of Congress should support.

Now that every single environmental objection to the Pipeline has either been addressed or shown to be demonstrably false, the opponents of the Pipeline have resorted to attacking the careers of our members. This is offensive and, frankly, unforgivable. If Members of the House want to oppose the Pipeline for partisan political reasons, they should at least have the guts to say so. To try to justify their pandering to environmental extremists and their billionaire backers by attacking the jobs that the Pipeline would create is cowardly.

Since it appears that the White House will continue to delay making a decision as long as possible, it makes it imperative that Congress approve the Keystone XL Pipeline once and for all. America's energy independence and jobs are critical to our workers, to our economy, and to the American people.

Enough is enough! Our nation needs energy to fuel our economy, American workers need jobs, and all of the evidence confirms that the Pipeline will have no appreciable effect on Canadian oil sands development, which makes building the Pipeline a no-brainer.

I urge you to support H.R. 3.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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