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The Honorable Fred Upton
The Honorable Ed Whitfield
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 3 - The Northern Route Approval Act

Dear Chairmen Upton and Whitfield,

Frontiers of Freedom and our more than 227,000 members and supporters want to express our strong support for H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act.

America needs energy to fuel its economy. And the development of North American sources of energy will not only fuel economic growth and new jobs, but also can eliminate our need for Middle Eastern oil imports. Unfortunately, the pipeline needed to bring this oil to American refineries has been delayed by the never ending litany of approvals, permits, threatened litigation and bureaucratic delays.

The truth is this pipeline has been analyzed and evaluated enough. It is time to proceed. Further delays harm the economy and slow job growth. Interestingly enough, further delays also endanger the environment.

Pipelines are safe as the Alaska Pipeline has demonstrated and thousands of miles of pipelines crisscrossing the United States have proven. Years ago, scaremongers argued that the Alaska pipeline would endanger the caribou and other wildlife, but that has proven to be a false fear. The caribou and the Alaska environment are thriving.

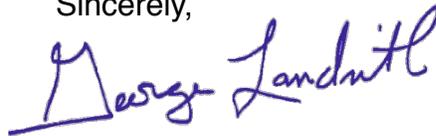
Not building the XL Pipeline likely means that oil will be transported by rail. This is less safe environmentally speaking and it is more costly. So refusing to build the pipeline means that energy prices will continue to be historically high and the risk of environmental disaster is much greater. Building the pipeline is best for American jobs *and* the environment.

In the 1970s, the Alaska Pipeline couldn't have proceeded without legislation specifically allowing it to proceed. We are at that point now with the XL Pipeline. Just as legislation was required to clear the path for the Alaska Pipeline, we need legislation to clear the way for the XL Pipeline.

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For this reason, we support H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, as a prudent and needed bipartisan solution to the never-ending bureaucratic delays. There is historical precedent for this and there is an urgent need. We urge all Members of Congress to support this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Landrith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

George Landrith