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The Honorable Lee Terry
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act

Dear Representative Terry:

I am writing to express AGC of America's support for H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act. This legislation will facilitate approval and construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The Keystone XL pipeline is a multibillion dollar private-sector infrastructure project. It will bring thousands of jobs and greater energy security to America. Unfortunately, this project has been tied up in regulatory review for over four years.

This legislation will clear away many of the roadblocks preventing construction of the pipeline. The construction of this pipeline has been the subject of significant scrutiny. It has been realigned around environmentally sensitive areas and the State Department has found that the pipeline will have minimal impact. Most people understand that building the pipeline in the U.S. is the best possible option because there is an international market for oil from the oil sands. Consequently, those oil sands will be developed no matter what.

The Keystone XL pipeline is well a planned and necessary infrastructure project that deserves your support.

Sincerely,

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