



April 12, 2013

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The American Energy Alliance commends you and the Committee for your continuing support of the Keystone XL pipeline which would create thousands of jobs, increase North American Energy Security consistent with Title XIV of The Energy Policy Act of 2005 and strengthen our bonds with Canada, our friend, ally and largest trading partner. This project is years overdue, and American families and businesses need and deserve the lower prices that a greater supply of energy always brings. We ask that you pass H.R. 3, The Northern Route Approval Act, in subcommittee and committee when it comes before you.

The U.S. has over 2 million miles of energy pipelines that deliver the source of our productivity and the oxygen for our economy daily to over 300 million citizens. The benefits of Keystone XL are undeniable, yet after nearly five years of waiting the pipeline is on its fourth environmental review without a final decision about whether it is "in the national interest." Five years is much too long a delay for decision-making by a great nation. It is time for the Congress to exercise its rights and fulfill its constitutional duty to regulate foreign commerce, and it is appropriate that your committee initiate this action as part of your enumerated powers.

H.R. 3 recovers proper congressional authority over all aspects of the pipeline's construction, and enables our elected officials to take decisive action to improve our nation's economy and energy security. The American public—which supports the pipeline's construction by a two-thirds majority—will thank you and the Committee for its action.

The American Energy Alliance, which supports abundant, affordable and reliable supplies of the energy so necessary to economic growth, strongly opposes any efforts to dilute H.R. 3's carefully balanced approach. H.R. 3's provisions ensure that the pipeline is built while also providing that it will be accomplished expeditiously, efficiently and in a manner consistent with the environmental laws that Congress has passed.

We thank you for your efforts to date, and support your continuing efforts to pass this commonsense legislation which has only become necessary because of nonsensical delays that are likely to continue absent the passage of H.R. 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Pyle', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Thomas J. Pyle
President
The American Energy Alliance