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The Honorable Lee Terry
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Terry:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API), I write today in support of H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act" which would remove the requirement for a Presidential Permit to complete the Keystone XL Pipeline. API has long supported the timely approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline and we believe the president could, and should, grant the permit immediately. With no clear indication from the administration that this critical energy infrastructure project will be approved, it is appropriate for Congress to prepare an alternative approval process.

The Keystone XL Pipeline will create thousands of good paying jobs for the safest, most highly trained workers of the building trades at a time when construction workers have an unemployment rate far higher than the national average. The Pipeline will also enhance our energy security by strengthening our energy partnership with a friendly, reliable neighbor and allow American workers in world class US refineries to continue producing the fuel we need at a time when the US is facing reduced imports from Mexico and Venezuela.

API commends you for your leadership on this important issue and we look forward to continuing to work toward approval of this critical project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

cc: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee