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Dear Representative:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and millions of taxpayers nationwide, I urge you to support HR 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, which would allow construction of the Keystone XL pipeline to begin.

After being delayed for more than four years, it is time to finally build the Keystone pipeline, the \$7 billion construction project that would bring crude oil from Alberta, Canada to American refiners in Oklahoma and Texas. Hiding behind the agencies he oversees, President Obama has dragged out the regulatory approval process for unprecedented lengths of time. The President's run-around necessitates Congressional action.

The Bureau of Labor Statistic's abysmal March jobs report – only 88,000 jobs were created and many more people stopped looking for work – illustrates the need for the Keystone pipeline. The Keystone pipeline offers real benefits to Americans, immediately creating 20,000 construction jobs and thousands more jobs in buttressing industries.

The Northern Route Approval Act is a carefully written piece of legislation that satisfies a number of laws, from the Endangered Species Act to the Clean Water Act to the Migratory Bird Act, HR 3 ensures that Keystone will be constructed responsibly.

With Americans indefinitely consuming around 19 million barrels of petroleum products every day, the U.S. should continue to build more pipelines. Pipelines remain the safest and one of most cost effective ways to transport oil. Reducing our dependence on hostile regimes, constructing the Keystone pipeline likely means that American refiners will reduce heavy crude imports from Venezuela.

North American energy independence is an attainable goal, so long as government policies don't inhibit natural and beneficial growth.

Poll after poll show that the American people are tired of waiting for Keystone pipeline construction to begin. It is time to spur economic growth. It is time to bolster the U.S.'s international standing. It is time to build the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Sincerely,



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