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PRESIDENT & CEO

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we would like to convey our strong support for passage of HR 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, which will clear the way for approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The nation’s long-term economic security demands that we expand our access to safe, secure and sustainable sources of energy. Increased global demand for energy and the continued economic and political volatility in many oil producing regions of the world demonstrates a clear and growing need here at home for all forms of reliable and affordable energy. ACEC believes the U.S. must pursue a national strategy that achieves energy self-sufficiency through innovative alternative and renewable energy sources as well as nuclear, natural gas, oil and other safe and reliable options. Building and completing the Keystone XL Pipeline should be a part of this national effort.

The Keystone XL pipeline will create jobs and enhance the nation’s economic competitiveness. The construction phase of the project will entail 13,000 direct construction and manufacturing jobs and indirect new jobs could total 118,000 in the U.S. In addition, it is estimated that construction will result in \$20 billion in private sector investment in the U.S. economy and \$585 million in new taxes for states and local governments along the pipeline route.

This project is good for our economy and good for the long-term economic security of the nation. ACEC strongly urges passage of this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Raymond", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David A. Raymond
President & CEO