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Immediate Attention Requested

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To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives
House staff assigned to energy and/or steel issues

**SUPPORT H.R. 3, THE NORTHERN ROUTE APPROVAL ACT,
LEGISLATION TO APPROVE THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE**

Background

The Keystone XL pipeline is proposed to transport crude oil from Alberta to the United States for refining and eventual delivery into domestic markets. This proposed project has undergone a lengthy review process by the federal government for over the past four years. Most recently, the State Department released its Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the revised Keystone XL pipeline route, and concluded that the project would create substantial economic benefits, while having minimal environmental impact.

Creating an abundant and affordable energy supply by developing a variety of resources, including oil and natural gas, is critical for domestic economic growth and job creation, and is essential to maintain and enhance the international competitiveness of American manufacturing, in particular energy-intensive industries like steel. Furthermore, the production and transmission of energy provides key markets for steel products, and are vital to the national economic recovery. Pipelines are an important method for transporting crude oil as well as other products, and should be an important part of the nation's energy future.

Situation

H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act from Representative Lee Terry, would accomplish the important goal of expediting the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Request

It is essential that Congress act to ensure the approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline without further delay. This project will have substantial benefits to the United States, creating valuable jobs and increasing energy supplies. AISI urges all members of the House to support H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, legislation which is designed to approve and implement the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Gibson".

Thomas J. Gibson