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Dear Representative:

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On Behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to express our support for H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act, legislation that provides congressional authority to the process of evaluating cross-border energy projects. We urge your support for this bill when it is considered by the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Recent cross-border permitting decisions have demonstrated the need for a clear process of evaluating cross-border energy projects. For example, the Keystone XL Pipeline has been the subject of repeated reviews and delays despite multiple environmental reviews that have all come to the same conclusion. Although the project would have no appreciable impact on greenhouse gas emissions, it has been delayed for over five years because of crass political concerns; while a cross-border permit for a natural gas pipeline to Mexico, that will fuel job creation there, was approved in a matter of months.

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Eliminating uncertainty in the permitting of cross-border energy facilities will promote investment and job creation in the United States while improving North America's interconnected energy networks.

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The executive order that currently governs the permitting of cross-border energy projects has led to an arbitrary system, too easily subject to the currents of political manipulation. The Nation's energy future is simply too important to allow politics to determine which projects are approved or rejected. If the United States is ever going to realize the goal of net energy independence, establishing clear authority and responsibility to federal agencies with expertise in the management of natural resources, rather than the Department of State, will improve the review process of cross-border energy projects.

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Uncertainty and delays during environmental reviews have hindered job growth in the energy sector. LIUNA urges Congress to establish a consistent, predictable framework to encourage responsible energy development projects across the international borders. The North American Energy Infrastructure Act will provide clear guidance for the environmental review of future pipeline and transmission projects.

I urge your support for this important legislation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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