

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

As the events in Libya and the Middle East continue to unfold, Americans are reminded of their dependence on foreign oil from unstable regions of the world and the effect this dependency has on our own domestic gasoline prices. According to the Energy Information Administration, domestic gasoline prices have increased by 77 cents from one year ago and 14 cents from last week. Americans are tired of this dependency. Americans first want our country to develop our own domestic resources to supply our energy needs. However, when domestic supply is going to fall short, then Americans want the U.S. to rely on countries like Canada, that are stable allies, to help us meet our energy needs. As such, we write today in support of the Keystone XL Gulf Coast Expansion Pipeline, a project that the Department of State has been considering under a Presidential Permit application since 2008. Now more than ever, it is critical that this country move forward with this project. We urge you to conclude the Department of State's review process, to issue a final environmental impact statement and to approve a Presidential Permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline as soon as possible.

As countless state officials, federal officials, labor unions, U.S. military veterans, economists, energy experts and others have stated, Keystone XL is a safe, modern and state-of-the art pipeline project that will significantly bolster America's energy security, provide thousands of high-quality jobs for Americans and invest billions of private sector dollars in our nation's economy.

Specifically, Keystone XL would spur more than \$20 billion in new private sector spending for the U.S. economy, create at least 20,000 high-quality jobs during the pipeline's construction phase, generate \$6.5 billion in new personal income for U.S. workers and their families, and stimulate more than \$585 million in new state and local taxes in states along the pipeline route. We believe it is also important to note that TransCanada Corporation executed a project labor agreement with four international labor unions last year for the construction of the pipeline.

While the economic benefits of this shovel-ready, multi-billion dollar private sector project are extraordinarily compelling, one cannot overlook the fact that Keystone XL would also greatly bolster America's energy security by increasing the supply of safe,

secure and reliable oil from Canada, a friendly neighbor with strict environmental regulations. In fact, a recent report prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) found that the Keystone XL pipeline would help reduce U.S. imports of foreign oil from sources outside of North America, including the Middle East.

The fact is that the United States remains many years away from ending its dependence on non-renewable energy resources such as oil. Until such time as we find ourselves in the clean energy future that we all hope to realize, as matter of national security it is incumbent upon our government to increase our oil supply from reliable, trusted and environmentally conscious energy partners such as Canada.

Madam Secretary, we cannot let our fellow Americans down by allowing this extraordinary opportunity to bolster the nation's energy security and ignite our economy slip away. Accordingly, we respectfully urge you to expeditiously conclude the review process, issue a final environmental impact statement and approve the Presidential Permit for Keystone XL.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.


Sincerely,



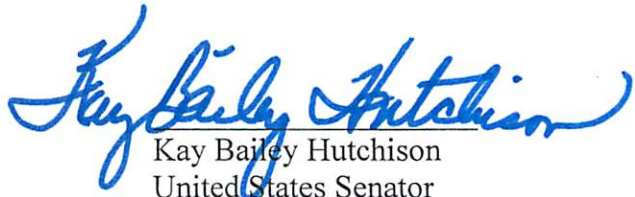
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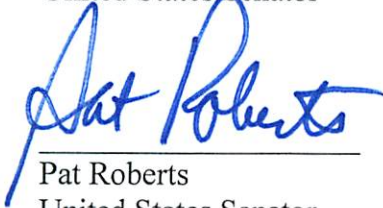
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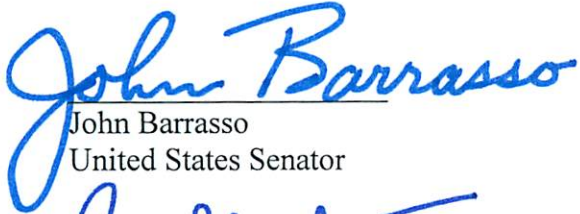
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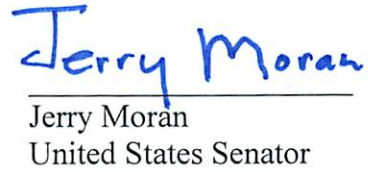
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