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U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Energy Resources, Room 4843
Attn: Keystone XL Public Comments
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

More energy independence here in the United States is a goal all of us support. To that end I am writing to urge your approval of the Keystone Pipeline.

With more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil flowing to our Gulf Coast refining operations will help us become less reliant on Middle East oil and will open up as many as 40,000 jobs for those building the pipeline, the new hires for the increased oil supplies, etc.

And this oil from Canada is going to be produced and sent to China if we do not take advantage of this asset. And China's environmental policies certainly don't compare to those here in the United States. Forcing this oil to China will only have a negative impact on our environment.

And, of course, such a quantity of new oil available to us through the Keystone Pipeline will surely create downward pressure on the price of gasoline that all of us benefit from here in the United States. That benefits all of us and improves our economic future.

Thank you for considering my support for the Keystone Pipeline. I trust you will approve it and allow the United States to take advantage of this substantial amount of North American crude oil

Sincerely,



Michael W. Thompson
Chairman and President