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Immediate Attention Requested

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

SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO APPROVE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Background

The Keystone XL Pipeline has undergone a lengthy review process by the federal government over the past few years. This proposed project would construct a crude oil pipeline from Alberta to Oklahoma and Texas for refining and eventual delivery into US markets. The State Department determined last year that the pipeline would have limited environmental impact, and recommended to eight other federal agencies that the project be approved. However, in January the State Department ultimately rejected the pipeline application.

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. An affordable and reliable supply of all energy sources 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

Legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate that would take steps to expedite the process for approval of the Keystone XL pipeline. Both S. 2401 from Senators John Hoeven and Richard Lugar and H.R. 3548, the North American Energy Access Act from Representative Lee Terry, would accomplish this important goal.

Request

It is essential that Congress act to ensure the approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline. This project will have substantial benefits to the United States, creating valuable jobs and increasing energy supplies. AISI urges all members of the House and Senate to support legislation designed to approve and implement the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Gibson