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The Honorable John Boehner Speaker of the House of Representatives **U.S.** House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader **U.S. House of Representatives** H-204, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API), I write in support of S. 1 which will be taken up in the House today. The legislation approves and authorizes the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Much like the bill passed by the House last month, this legislation represents strong bipartisan support not only in Congress but also consistently in polls – nearly 75% of voters, a majority of both Democrats and Republicans, support putting our labor forces to work and finally building the Keystone XL pipeline.

We firmly believe that between this legislation and the State Department review process, all questions and concerns related to the pipeline have been thoroughly addressed. The Keystone XL Pipeline will create over 42,000 jobs and put over \$2 billion in workers' pockets at a time when our construction work force continues to face an unemployment rate higher than the national average.

We commend the effort by Congress to advance this long overdue project. We look forward to continuing to work with you to move this and other bipartisan free market energy legislation to the President's desk.

Sincerely,

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