

Dear Conferee,

The undersigned organizations strongly urge you to include language approving the Keystone XL pipeline in the final transportation bill conference report. Bipartisan majorities in both the House and Senate have voted in favor of building the pipeline and we applaud Congress for continuing to highlight the importance of moving this project forward without further delay. Keystone XL will create thousands of jobs in construction and manufacturing alone, and add tens of thousands of additional jobs throughout the economy in other sectors including service, retail and distribution. It is supported by organized labor, veterans, hundreds of mayors and state legislators from across the country and thousands of businesses who understand the benefits the pipeline and the development of Canadian oil sands will bring to the United States. Furthermore, a recent Gallup poll shows that Americans support building Keystone XL by a 2-to-1 margin.

Approving Keystone XL will enhance our energy and national security needs, and would send a strong signal to the global markets that the United States is serious about providing a reliable, abundant and secure source of energy that could help put downward pressure on fuel prices. Canada is already our largest supplier of imported crude oil – supplying over one fourth of our needs. With Keystone XL, Canadian crude imports could reach 4 million barrels a day by 2020, which is more than twice what we currently import from the Persian Gulf.

Keystone XL has been thoroughly reviewed for more than three years. The State of Nebraska also is moving forward and the governor recently signed a bill into law that resumes the review process of a new pipeline route. All of the proposed alternative routes completely avoid the sensitive Sand Hills region. There are no more excuses to delay this critical project. It is time to approve the full pipeline now.

We urge the transportation conference committee to include language approving the Keystone XL pipeline so thousands of Americans can be put back to work. You have the opportunity to make this happen, right now.

Sincerely,

American Conservative Union

American Exploration & Production Council

American Foundry Society

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

American Highway Users Alliance  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Trucking Associations  
Americans for Tax Reform  
Association of Oil Pipe Lines  
Business Roundtable  
Consumer Energy Alliance  
Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity  
Hispanic Leadership Fund  
Independent Petroleum Association of America  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Taxpayers Union  
New England Fuel Institute  
Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Western Energy Alliance