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International  
Union of  
North America



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Dear Senator:

We write today to urge you and your colleagues to bring S. 2280, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, to the floor and allow the full Senate to vote on the bill.

The legislation, led by Senators John Hoeven (R-ND) and Mary Landrieu (D-LA), represents the strong bipartisan support this project continues to receive among all Americans. Recent polls confirm 78 percent of voters, a majority of both Republicans and Democrats, agree that building the Keystone XL Pipeline would strengthen our national and energy security. However, after nearly six years of countless polls and five exhaustive federal reviews stating the pipeline is safe to build and will create thousands of jobs, we have unfortunately seen political rhetoric and gamesmanship take precedence over policy and leadership. The comprehensive review process has concluded, but the project has been exiled to political limbo.

The president's recent delay to make a final decision on Keystone XL has also once again jeopardized the ability of our construction workers to remain in the middle-class by reducing opportunities for well-paying jobs. Based on the State Department's own estimates, the Keystone XL Pipeline will provide our economy the ability to create 42,000 jobs and put over \$2 billion in workers' pockets. We cannot afford to continue to ignore this great opportunity for our country. We need the Senate to stand with its counterparts in the House of Representatives and with the American people to put a stop to the unnecessary excuses of this Administration and approve this vital infrastructure project.

This project brings together those from all parties, industries and organizations. We should all agree that we need our leaders to lead, put partisan politics aside and stand up for the will of the people. We are counting on you and your Senate colleagues to work together in a bipartisan fashion to quickly bring S. 2280 to the floor and approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working together to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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