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Dear Representative:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and millions of taxpayers nationwide, I urge you to once again pass legislation authorizing the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. H.R. 3, the Keystone XL Pipeline Act, will actualize the State Department's effective endorsement of the pipeline and allow construction workers to break ground.

The Keystone Pipeline has been stuck in a bureaucratic morass for over six years. Putting partisan politics and liberal donors before the national interest of the country, the Obama Administration's kowtowing has gone too far.

The State Department's own 2014 Environmental Impact Statement estimated that "during construction, proposed Project spending would support approximately 42,100 jobs (direct, indirect, and induced), and approximately \$2 billion in earnings throughout the United States." Jobs are good.

Next, the State Department rebutted the misinformation propagated by President Obama's liberal base about Keystone's impact on oil sands production: "Approval or denial of any one crude oil transport project, including the proposed Project [Keystone Pipeline], remains unlikely to significantly impact the rate of extraction in the oil sands, or the continued demand for heavy crude oil at refineries in the U.S."

Canadian oil sands will be produced, refined, and used. The only real question is how will this oil get to market? Will Canadian crude be shipped by pipeline to American refiners? It should. Pipelines are the most efficient way to transport oil and American refiners are the cleanest in the world.

The House of Representatives' commitment to securing America's energy future is commendable. With 72 percent of the American people supporting the Keystone Pipeline, you have popular opinion, science, and economics on your side. Now, once again, I urge you to do what the President of the United States refuses to do – approve H.R. 3 and the Keystone Pipeline.

Sincerely,



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