

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2015

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

We share your disappointment over the recent decision by President Barack Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry and other administration officials to formally disapprove the permit application for construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. This decision means the loss of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity and investment, as well as diminished energy security for our two countries.

We wish to reiterate that these actions taken by the current administration do not reflect the overwhelming, bipartisan consensus on this issue within the United States Congress. Earlier this year, the House and Senate passed the bill S. 1, *the Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act*, which would have finally allowed construction of the Keystone XL pipeline to move forward. Had this legislation been signed into law by President Obama, thousands of Americans would already be on the job and hard at work building this critically important and long-overdue pipeline. Instead, President Obama vetoed that bill, and this recent decision to deny the State Department permit for the project has led many to conclude that it will never be built.

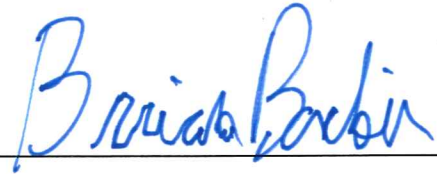
We understand and greatly appreciate that the first preference of TransCanada and your government is to build Keystone XL through the United States. We also understand that in the face of years of delays and now, this announcement by President Obama, you must consider secondary options. Chief among these is the proposal to re-designate the route of the pipeline to facilitate exporting Canada's mineral resources to China, one of the worst polluters in the world.

As you know, America is in the midst of a great debate that will culminate next year with the election of our 45th President. After President Obama leaves office, decisions such as approval of the Keystone XL pipeline will fall upon his successor. Simply put, if the American People choose a president who supports building Keystone XL, that president can reverse this misguided decision and authorize the project the day he or she takes office.


Accordingly, we respectfully request that you hold off on authorizing any contingency plans for Keystone XL until the end of next year. By that time, it will be clear where our president-elect stands on this critical issue, and, we hope, the plans to build Keystone XL right here in America will be back on track.

Canada has been one of our closest and most important allies for more than two centuries. All we ask is that you give us one more year and allow the American People to decide whether to choose as their next president one who supports this project, so that it can finally get underway and help make our relationship stronger than ever.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin, D.D.S.
United States Representative



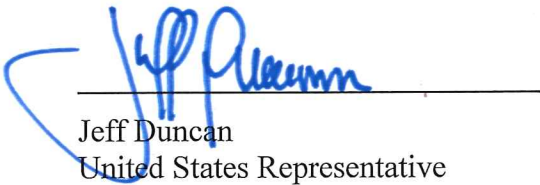
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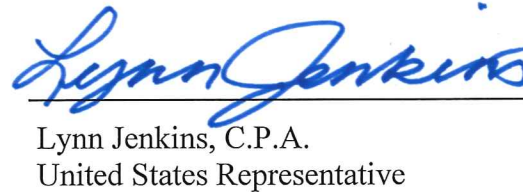
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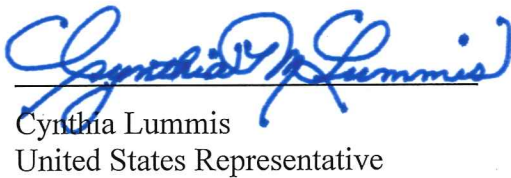
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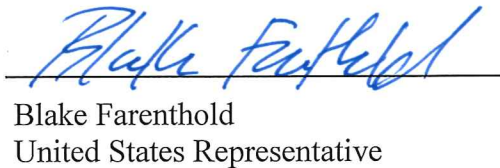
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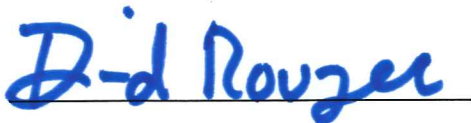
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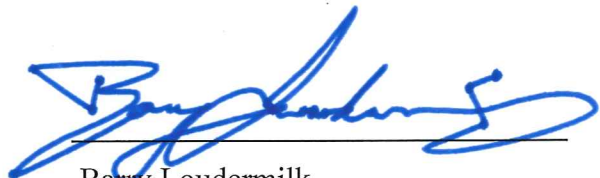
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