

May 20, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

U.S. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SUPPORTS THE NORTHERN ROUTE APPROVAL ACT (HR 3)

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations representing American construction workers, contractors, and suppliers strongly support the Northern Route Approval Act (HR 3).

The bipartisan legislation, introduced by Rep. Lee Terry, allows for the Keystone XL pipeline to finally be completed by eliminating the need for presidential approval of the project. The Keystone XL pipeline has been pending for more than four years. The delay threatens job creation, economic growth, and our relationship with Canada, our closest ally and trading partner.

Significantly, the bill also grants the necessary environmental and right-of-way permits and puts in place a process for expedited judicial review for legal challenges to the project, so construction cannot be needlessly delayed in the courts. All reviews performed to date make clear that the environmental impact of the Keystone XL pipeline is minimal. Furthermore, the project will provide significant economic and national security benefits for the country.

The State Department's recently released draft Environmental Impact Statement projects the pipeline would potentially support more than 42,000 jobs across the country, translating to \$2 billion in earnings for workers. A large number of new jobs created by this project would be in the construction sector. The State Department also concluded that direct expenditures, such as construction and materials costs, would total approximately \$3.3 billion. Additionally, many state and local governments will see the benefit of significant tax revenues as a result of the increased economic activity.

Put simply, Keystone XL offers a safe, practical way to bring more Canadian oil to U.S. refineries, thereby benefitting American consumers and workers, and improving our energy and economic security. The project serves our national interest and should be approved without delay. Consequently, we urge you to support and work for enactment of the Northern Route Approval Act.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Rental Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Supply Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers

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Distribution Contractors Association
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
International Union of Operating Engineers
Laborers International Union of North America
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Utility Contractors Association
Portland Cement Association

c.c. All Members of the U.S. House of Representatives