

MONTANA STATE SENATE

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Cc: Governor Greg Gianforte

Dear Mr. President, Senators & Congressman:

Energy production is the lifeblood of Montana's economy. Montanans depend on the revenue from exported wind, hydro, and coal-fired power to keep our state budget strong. We understand how important energy infrastructure projects like the Keystone XL Pipeline are to America's economy.

The Keystone XL Pipeline would transport over 800,000 barrels of crude oil across the country each day. This supply is essential for ensuring the stability and affordability of the United States' energy supply. Fewer than 2% of American vehicles are electric and 5.5 million American homes use oil heat.

The Keystone XL Pipeline project of 2021 is not the same project that was reviewed by President Obama in 2008. TC Energy has made significant changes to the project to address concerns raised by stakeholders at both the state and federal levels. TC Energy has pledged to make pipeline construction a zero-carbon emission project and use fair-wage labor to build the pipeline.

Decisions about this project long ago stopped being about the merits of the project. Now it seems every decision is politically motivated. We must return to discussing the fact about the Keystone XL Pipeline, including the economic benefit to the impacted counties, and start working together to alleviate any remaining concerns so that we can make this project a reality.

The pipeline would bring a large source of revenue for the state of the Montana. At around \$80 million a year in tax revenue, Montana would be able to sit comfortably knowing we had another consistent source of income. This money would be used to help keep our economy running strong and allow funding to be put into rural school systems that are in desperate need.

The Keystone XL Pipeline was slated to bring hundreds of good-paying jobs to rural Montana and help workers put food on their table for their young families. The shutdown of the pipeline ultimately hurts those most vulnerable. The pipeline was doing more than just creating jobs and revenue for Montana, it was bringing life back into these small towns that had otherwise been forgotten.

As Montana's elected leaders, we must oppose the cancelling of the Keystone XL project and stand with Montana's energy producers, working people and rural communities. I, like you, want to see Montanans thrive. We must fight for the future of Montana and the good paying jobs that will make that future brighter.

Sincerely the undersigned members of the Montana State Legislature,

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