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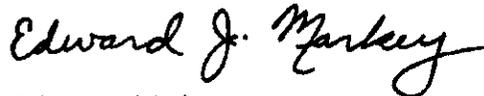
The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

I am writing to request that you re-open the public comment period for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Keystone XL pipeline. In light of the Corrective Action Order (CAO) that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued to TransCanada because of spills from the existing Keystone pipeline, I believe additional time is necessary so that DOT's findings can be incorporated into public comments on the SDEIS.

In issuing the CAO for the Keystone pipeline, DOT found that "without corrective measures the continued operations of the pipeline would be hazardous to life, property and the environment." Having experienced 12 spills in less than a year of operation, close scrutiny of the pipeline and its operation is clearly required. Since the Keystone XL pipeline will be integrated into the existing Keystone pipeline and since their designs and operations are similar, the DOT's analyses of the current problems are exceedingly pertinent to your environmental review of the Keystone XL proposal. The public also deserves the benefit of DOT's work to inform their comments on Keystone XL.

Sincerely,



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