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The Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Governor of South Dakota
State Capitol
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Governor Daugaard:

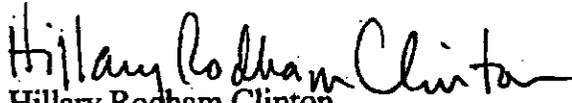
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Thank you for your February 11 letter urging the State Department to approve expeditiously the Presidential Permit application for the Keystone XL pipeline. We appreciate the immediate economic benefits that the project would bring to South Dakota and its potential role in our nation's energy security, as you noted.

In determining whether granting the Presidential Permit is in the national interest, the Department must consider all relevant factors, including economic and environmental impacts. We are currently reviewing public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Once that process is completed, the Department will determine how to proceed with the EIS, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

I appreciate the time you have taken to express your views. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this or any other issue that is important to you.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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