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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the TransCanada XL Pipeline and to urge you to expeditiously complete work on the Presidential Permit application for the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The project is expected to be a significant economic driver in Montana, both during the construction and operational phases of the project. The pipeline will traverse the state of Montana with 285 miles of pipeline and 6 pump stations, ultimately providing a critical on-ramp to refining assets for eastern Montana's oil producers. Some analyses estimate that Montana can expect over 5,500 new jobs during the construction phase with local project spending of over \$400 million. State and local revenues are expected to increase of \$8.9 million. TransCanada's inclusion of the on-ramp for oil producers in the Bakken formation in the Williston Basin will create economic growth and jobs in eastern Montana.

From a national perspective, Keystone XL will supply roughly half the amount of oil that the U.S. currently imports from the Middle East or Venezuela. The Keystone XL pipeline is exactly the type of project with economic and security benefits that we cannot afford to lose during this time of economic hardship due to bureaucratic delays. I urge you to complete your work on the Presidential Permit rapidly, to allow this project to move forward in the near-term.

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Sincerely,



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