

April 17, 2013

The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
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Washington, DC 20520

U.S. Construction Industry Supports the State Department's Keystone XL Draft Supplemental EIS

Dear Secretary Kerry:

The undersigned organizations representing American construction workers, contractors, and suppliers are writing to support the State Department's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (draft Supplemental EIS) for the Keystone XL pipeline permit application.

As the draft Supplemental EIS makes clear, the environmental impact of the Keystone XL pipeline is minimal while the project will provide significant economic and national security benefits for the country. By bringing an extra 830,000 barrels of oil per day to U.S. refineries, the pipeline would create American jobs and enhance our national security by reducing U.S. reliance on energy resources from less stable regions. Continued volatility in those regions only reinforces the urgent need to tap into new energy sources.

According to the draft Supplemental EIS, the Keystone XL 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. As the draft Supplemental EIS makes clear, the project serves our national interest and should be approved without delay.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement 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
Associated General Contractors of America
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Distribution Contractors Association

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Energy Equipment Infrastructure Alliance

National Asphalt Pavement Association

National Electrical Contractors Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

National Utility Contractors Association

Portland Cement Association