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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

I am writing to you to express my support for the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport crude oil from Alberta, Canada to the Gulf Coast, and I urge you to approve the Presidential permit application for this cross-border pipeline as soon as possible.

As my old boss, President Ronald Reagan, once said, "Government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem." Government is currently standing in the way of this \$7 billion privately funded project, which is expected to stimulate \$20 billion in new spending for the U.S. economy and spur the creation of 118,000 jobs. Our number one priority must be job creation, and this is a prime example of the over-burdensome regulatory system that is killing the private sector. Government must stand back and allow the U.S. economy to rebound. If not we will continue to see our jobs go overseas.

We must end our dependence on foreign oil from regimes that are hostile to the United States. This pipeline will supply approximately 50 percent of the oil that the United States currently imports from Venezuela or the Middle East. Canada is our ally and neighbor, so shifting our imports from hostile regimes to a friendly one is a no-brainer.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Upton
Member of Congress