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Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Harper:

The United States and Canada are two proud nations with tightly interconnected economies. For continued growth, our nations must continue to work together for a brighter future. An important way that we can further cement our friendship is by building the Keystone XL pipeline (KXL). Energy is vital to our economic growth, and this project would serve as an economic life blood to many rural cities and towns throughout North America.

The United States and Canada share the longest common border in the world, and each day over a billion dollars in business is conducted between our two economies. Canada stands out as the largest foreign supplier of energy to the United States, and we have benefitted by multiple energy links that cross America's northern border. As energy demands continue to grow, increased investment in energy project will be required. KXL is a step towards the future. Like you, I believe that the time has come to approve this important infrastructure project that will grow both of our economies.

I am advocating the completion of this project because the second leg of the KXL pipeline ends in Port Arthur, TX, a community I proudly represent in the United States House of Representatives. The completed KXL pipeline would total 1,700 miles and would create thousands of jobs during its construction in the United States and Canada. This project would increase pipeline shipping capacity to allow for further development of Canadian oil sands, the development of which will help create 112,000 to over 500,000 jobs over the next 25 years, according to the Alberta provincial government.

After completion, this pipeline will be able to carry up to 830,000 barrels of oil a day, to be refined along the Texas Gulf coast. Pipeline transportation is extremely safe and environmentally sensitive with a safety rating of 99.999%. By shifting from current means of transportation, a

recent United States Department of State study that found that building the KXL will save six lives annually. Since TransCanada submitted its first application for KXL approval in 2008, many Americans and Canadians have urged swift action. Citizens in both countries are anxiously excited for private investment to flow that will create jobs and reduce energy costs.

I appreciate your continued support and engagement of this vital project that is in the national interest for both of our countries. As a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives I will continue to push of the KXL, as a neighbor and friend I ask for your continued vigilance.

Sincerely,



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