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To whom this concerns:

On behalf of the residents of Tripp County, South Dakota, we the Board of the Tripp County Commissioners is writing to express our support of the TransCanada Keystone XL crude oil pipeline. We would urge the Department of State to approve the Presidential Permit for the Keystone XL project.

The Keystone XL Pipeline project is important to the economic diversity of our community. We have had nothing but good relations with this industry. The support of the crude oil pipeline would enhance the development of our natural resources and ensure domestic development towards sustaining energy independence in our nation.

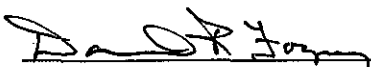
We understand and agree that all safety issues need to be addressed and implemented, but, we are also concerned about the other methods that are used to transport crude oil and why this project is going through an additional environmental review. Crude oil is transported over the highway system, by railroad and by cargo ships across the ocean. At any time, there is a possibility of a potential "spill" which could come from a vehicle accident, train derailment or a cargo ship sinking.

TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline has an emergency response plan to cover any incidents that might occur with the pipeline. The track of the line is constant and does not "move" as these other methods of transportation do. Response would be immediate and done by trained professionals and would limit any possible damages. There are more than 50,000 miles of crude oil pipelines that crisscross the Nation already and any accidents or leaks are typically small and easily contained. We do not feel that this would be any different with the Keystone XL Pipeline.


The Keystone XL Pipeline will not only transport the tars, sands and oil from Canada, but will also transport domestic crude oil from the Bakken formation within the Williston Basin in the states of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

We respectfully urge you to expeditiously conclude the review process, issue a final environmental impact statement and approve the Presidential Permit for the shovel-ready, multimillion dollar private sector project.

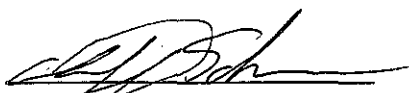
Sincerely,


Dan Forgey, Chairman

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Curtis Littau, Vice-Chairman


Mark Winter, Member

Abstain
Eric Connot, Member


Clifford Schroeder, Member