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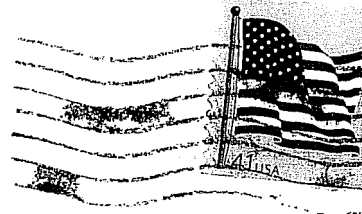
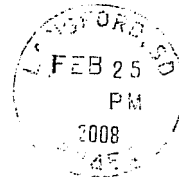
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I and a lot of people I know (the silent majority) are in favor of the TransCanada pipeline. There is a feeling there should be safeguards to protect the environment, severe penalties for violations, and a fund established from the transmission of the oil for possible cleanup.

This country and the rest of the world economies must have a free flow of oil at free market prices. We will be dependent on petroleum for as long as any of us are alive, so I trust and believe our PUC will act promptly to approve the construction of this and future pipelines. It will have a tremendously positive impact on the state economy and employment.

Sincerely

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