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Representatives,

My mother was born and raised in South Dakota, and though she no longer resides there, she still calls it home. My great-grandfather homesteaded their ranch (still family owned and operating) and we have many family members and friends that reside in South Dakota. So I am not just an outsider with an opinion. I love the people and the land.

It has been fairly established that the majority of the public is behind building the Keystone XL pipeline (<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2015/jan/20/joni-ernst/joni-ernst-says-strong-majority-americans-back-key/>).

If the pipeline is blocked, companies will just ship crude by rail, which is more dangerous and results in more accidents and spills (The State Department's environmental impact assessment suggested as much.).

Currently, more than 190,000 miles of liquid petroleum pipelines already traverse the United States. Vast improvements have been made in the Keystone pipeline over existing pipelines, as well as monitoring and response improvements (<http://www.api.org/~media/files/oil-and-natural-gas/pipeline/us-pipeline-map-api-website3.pdf>). The project will be safe, safer even than the rest of the nation's pipeline infrastructure on which we currently rely for transportation fuels.

Groundwater is protected, even in the event of a release from the pipeline, which itself has been made less likely by the additional regulation to which this project has voluntarily submitted.

Oil will continue to flow, with or without the project, and the project will have no significant adverse impact on greenhouse gas production.

The project will provide transportation for U.S. oil from the Bakken as well as oil from our neighbor and closest trading partner and ally, Canada.

When operating, the project is estimated to generate millions per year in South Dakota property taxes.

In addition to property taxes, during construction, the project will also generate millions of dollars in SD state taxes.

I believe the benefits far outweigh any deficits regarding the Keystone Pipeline and ask that you approve it again.

Respectfully,
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