



# Pennington County Board of Commissioners

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: Keystone XL Pipeline Certification

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The Pennington County Commission is writing this letter to express our support for the Keystone XL Pipeline and urge the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to approve the order accepting certification of the permit issued. The Keystone XL Pipeline will not only improve American energy security and booster out economy for years to come, but we will immediately see thousands of jobs created to construct, monitor and maintain this pipeline in the future.

Pennington County strongly believes that the pipeline is in our country's national interest because it will improve our national security, provide a long-term, stable energy supply to the United States, create jobs and spur economic growth. The pipeline will provide more than 700,000 barrels of oil each day from the Dakotas, Montana, Oklahoma and Alberta, Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast reducing our dependence on oil imports from unreliable sources. The pipeline has been found by the State Department EIS to have minimal impact on the environment and will have a degree of safety greater than any other crude oil pipeline in operation in the United States.

Locally, the Keystone XL Pipeline will cross portions of Pennington, Harding, Butte, Perkins, Meade, Haakon, Jones, Lyman and Tripp Counties in South Dakota. In our current times of decreasing revenues and increasing expenses, the pipeline will provide these Counties with critical tax revenues.

We urge you to support the Keystone XL Pipeline for these reasons and approve the order accepting certification of the permit issued.

Sincerely,  
The Pennington County Board of Commissioners

Lyndell Petersen, Chairman

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