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RE: Keystone XL Pipeline Certification

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The Perkins County Commission is writing this letter to express our support of the Keystone XL Pipeline and to urge the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to approve the order accepting certification of the permit issued. The Keystone XL Pipeline will only improve American energy security and bolster our economy for many years. This shovel-ready project will provide many needed jobs during construction and in the future to monitor and maintain the pipeline.

The proposed pipeline would travel across approximately 13 miles of our county and we have been anticipating the approval of this project. The additional tax revenue for would be beneficial for all taxing districts during these times of decreasing revenue and increasing expenses.

Perkins County believes that the pipeline is in our Country's national interest, as it will improve our national security, provide a long-term, stable energy supply to the United States, curb our dependence on foreign oil, create jobs and spur economic growth. The ability to transport the more than 700,000 barrels of oil each day from the Dakotas, Montana, Oklahoma and Alberta, Canada to the refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

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

Sincerely,

Perkins County Board of Commissioners



Brad W. Besler, Chairman

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