

Thanks for your comments, Robin. I'll make sure they are added to the record of this proceeding.

Thanks,
Dusty

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From: Robin McCarty
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Subject: Reject the Keystone XL tar sands oil pipeline

Feb 12, 2010

Dustin Johnson
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Dear Johnson,

You are scheduled to make a very important decision on February 18th regarding the Keystone XL pipeline. I urge you to say No to a new tar sands oil pipeline in South Dakota. The Keystone XL pipeline would carry the dirtiest crude on the planet through a high pressure pipeline from Alberta, Canada, through the heart of South Dakota and to the Gulf states. It would double the flow of this crude into the United States at the very time that we are

working to develop new cleaner and renewable fuels and to make our cars and trucks more energy efficient. The pipeline would keep the United States addicted to oil and impede the transformation of our energy use from dirty fossil fuels to renewables such as wind, solar and sustainably harvested biofuels. The pipeline also threatens our beautiful state. No environmental impact statement or emergency plan has been issued for South Dakota, putting our communities and agricultural heartland at risk.

I urge you to consider the impact on our clean energy future as well as the impact of this pipeline on our state. We should not be part of a plan to lock the United States into a dirty source of oil at the very time that we need to move to cleaner alternatives. Please say No to the tar sands pipeline or at least delay your vote

until the people of South Dakota have the information we need to make a decision about whether this pipeline should be allowed to go forward.

Sincerely,

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