



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

October 29, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Keystone XL pipeline represents a critical infrastructure investment that embodies your commitment to American workers and American energy dominance strategy; while demonstrating why we must fix our broken permitting system to restore confidence in American energy development.

After a decade of political whiplash, Keystone XL became a cautionary tale of what happens when infrastructure becomes a political football. In November 2015, President Obama rejected the pipeline, stating it would "undercut America's leadership on climate change." Your administration rightly reversed that decision in 2017, recognizing the project's economic and strategic value. Then, on his first day in office, President Biden cancelled the permit again. Not based on new evidence or changed circumstances, but purely for political reasons.

Biden's cancellation had devastating consequences. Over 11,000 good-paying jobs were eliminated overnight, removing \$1.6 billion in wages from working families. These were real people: welders, pipefitters, construction workers, and countless others in supporting trades who were brought together from all over the country to build something.

Perhaps most damaging, Biden's reversal destroyed confidence in American energy infrastructure investment. When the federal government can capriciously cancel a multi-billion-dollar project after permits have been granted and construction has begun, it creates catastrophic uncertainty. Banks and investors cannot commit capital when political winds can instantly render their investments worthless.

Building in America is a non-negotiable. We must stand up to radical activists who turn every project into a delay and every permit into a weapon. Choosing to build here means lower prices across the economy, stronger union and trade careers, and a more secure nation powered by the cleanest, most efficiently produced energy on Earth.

While your administration can implement important reforms, like the permitting dashboards. Congress can provide permanent statutory protections that will truly restore investor confidence. We need legislation that establishes firm deadlines for permit reviews, limits endless judicial challenges, protects granted permits from arbitrary political revocation, and creates consequences when the federal government cancels permits after construction begins.

Mr. President, I urge you to make comprehensive permitting reform a top legislative priority. Without congressional action, your executive initiatives remain vulnerable to reversal by the next administration, just as your Keystone XL approval was cancelled on Biden's first day. By securing these protections in statute, we can ensure that America can build the energy infrastructure necessary for economic growth and national security.

Keystone XL taught us a painful lesson. Let's make sure it was the last time American workers and investors pay the price for political symbolism.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks