



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4302

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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary,

I am writing today in order to determine the current status of a Presidential Permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. This project will deliver oil into the United States from Alberta, Canada. As you know, since the project crosses an international border, the Department of State is ultimately responsible for issuing the permit. I understand that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been completed, and that the Department of State has completed its due diligence on the environmental impact of the project.

I represent Port Arthur, Texas, which is one of the southern destinations of the Keystone XL pipeline. This project will be extremely important to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Texas, as it is home to over 23% of the refining capacity in the United States. The oil from Canada that will be refined from this pipeline will provide the United States with a reliable and affordable source of energy for many years to come.

As we move forward, I would appreciate if you could keep me up to date on the status of the permitting process for this project, as well as when you expect a final decision to be made by the Department of State. This project is vitally important to the energy security of the United States, and I encourage you to approve the permit without further delay.

Sincerely,

TED POE  
Member of Congress