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URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE KEYSTONE XL OIL PIPELINE.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:
2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:
3 Whereas, the United States relies, and will continue to rely for many
4 years, on gasoline, diesel and jet fuel for sources of energy; and
5 Whereas, in order to fuel our economy, the United States will need more
6 oil and natural gas in addition to alternative energy sources; and
7 Whereas, the United States currently depends on foreign imports for
8 more than half of its petroleum usage and is the largest consumer of
9 petroleum in the world; and
10 Whereas, United States dependence on overseas oil has created difficult
11 geopolitical relationships with potentially damaging consequences for our
12 national security; and
13 Whereas, oil deposits in the Bakken Reserves of Montana, North Dakota
14 and South Dakota are an increasingly important crude oil resource; and
15 Whereas, there is not enough pipeline capacity to deliver crude oil
16 supplies from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas to
17 American refineries; and
18 Whereas, Canadian oil reserves total 174 billion barrels, of which 169
19 billion barrels can be recovered from the oil sands using today's technology;
20 and
21 Whereas, Canada is the single largest supplier of crude oil to the
22 United States at 3.05 million barrels per day and has the capacity to
23 significantly increase that rate; and
24 Whereas, the southern leg of the Keystone XL pipeline ties into the
25 existing Keystone pipeline that already runs to Canada, bringing up to
26 700,000 barrels of oil a day to refineries in Texas. At peak capacity, the
27 pipeline will deliver 830,000 barrels of oil per day; and
28 Whereas, according to the United States State Department's fifth Final
29 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS), which was issued on
30 January 31, 2014, the Keystone XL pipeline will be the safest pipeline ever
31 constructed on American soil, will have minimal impact on the environment,
32 will create thousands of much-needed jobs and bolster the United States'
33 energy security; and
34 Whereas, according to the Final SEIS, the Keystone XL pipeline will
35 support approximately 42,100 direct, indirect and induced jobs and result in
36 approximately \$2 billion in earnings throughout the United States; and
37 Whereas, the Final SEIS predicts that the Keystone XL pipeline will
38 contribute approximately \$3.4 billion to the United States gross domestic
39 product and provide a substantial increase in tax revenues for local counties
40 along the pipeline route, with 17 to 27 counties expected to see tax revenues
41 increase by 10% or more; and
42 Whereas, the Oklahoma-Texas leg of the Keystone pipeline system, also
43 referred to as the Gulf Coast segment, went into service in late January
44 2014; and

1 Whereas, according to a recent economic analysis report conducted by
2 noted economist Bud Weinstein at Southern Methodist University Cox School of
3 Business, the Gulf Coast segment injected \$2.14 billion into the Oklahoma
4 economy and more than \$3.6 billion into the Texas economy; and

5 Whereas, a recent study by the United States Department of Energy found
6 that increasing delivery of crude oil from Montana, North Dakota, South
7 Dakota and Alberta, as well as Texas and Oklahoma, to American refineries has
8 the potential to substantially reduce our country's dependency on sources
9 outside of North America; and

10 Whereas, Canada sends more than 99% of its oil exports to the United
11 States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries; and

12 Whereas, oil companies are investing huge sums to expand and upgrade
13 refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other refined
14 products from Canadian oil derived from oil sands, and the expansion and
15 upgrade projects will create many new construction jobs over the next five
16 years; and

17 Whereas, 90% of the money used to buy Canadian oil will likely later be
18 spent directly on United States goods and services; and

19 Whereas, since 2011, nearly 30 public opinion polls have repeatedly
20 confirmed that building the Keystone XL pipeline is in the best interest of
21 the vast majority of Americans; and

22 Whereas, supporting the continued shift towards reliable and secure
23 sources of North American oil is of vital interest to the United States and
24 the State of Arizona.

25 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
26 Representatives concurring, prays:

27 1. That the United States Congress vote to approve the Keystone XL oil
28 pipeline.

29 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
30 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the
31 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
32 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.