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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
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Dear Secretary Clinton,

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business voice of the nation’s engineering industry – we urge you to expeditiously issue a Presidential Permit to allow the Keystone XL Pipeline to cross from Canada into the United States. This important project is in the best interest of the nation and will increase our energy security and economic growth.

Increased global demand for energy and the continued economic and political volatility in many oil producing regions demonstrates a clear and growing need here at home for all forms of reliable and affordable energy. Canada remains the largest supplier of imported oil and natural gas to the United States. According to a report for the U.S. Department of Energy (Ensys 2010), U.S. refining and import of Canadian crude will more than double in the next two decades. This projected increase would curb dependency on oil from other countries, some of which are unstable or unfriendly to U.S. interests. At a time of unrest and uncertainty in other energy producing countries around the world, Canada's vast energy reserves are more important to the future of U.S. energy security than ever before.

Canada is a secure and reliable source of affordable energy, and the Keystone XL Pipeline project provides the U.S. with a tremendous opportunity. The pipeline is expected to create over 20,000 high-paying engineering, construction and manufacturing jobs in the near term and more than 250,000 permanent jobs in the long run. Once completed, the project will connect U.S. refineries in the Midwest and Texas with a new source of Canadian crude oil, providing a stable source of needed energy from a key ally.

We commend the Department of State for analyzing the project’s environmental impact and concluding that no significant environmental concerns exist that should prohibit the Keystone XL project from moving forward. ACEC urges you to approve the project promptly and grant the Presidential Permit that is needed to begin building the pipeline. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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