



November 17, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leaders Reid and McConnell:

Western Energy Alliance strongly supports S.2280 to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. We encourage passage of this legislation in the lame duck session as it will provide tens of thousands of well-paying jobs and will provide the safest, most environmentally friendly way to transport the fruits of our nation's energy boom.

S.2280 was developed with strong bipartisan support, and the project continues to be supported by a large majority of Americans. Recent polls show nearly 75% of voters, a majority of both Democrats and Republicans, support building the Keystone XL Pipeline. Despite five federal reviews showing the safety of the pipeline and the *reduction* in greenhouse gas emissions that would result, the President continues to delay approval at every turn. It is time for Democrats and Republicans in the Senate to come together to move this project forward.

According to the State Department's many reviews of the project, the Keystone XL Pipeline will create over 42,000 jobs and provide over \$2 billion in wages at a time when many Americans are still hurting for jobs. The pipeline will also increase our energy security and improve our relationship with our closest ally, Canada.

We thank the Senate for its efforts to approve the Keystone XL pipeline and look forward to working with you to bring this legislation to the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Wigley", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Tim Wigley
President