

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2600

January 19, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President-elect of the United States
Presidential Transition Office
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear President-elect Biden,

As you take office as the 46th President of the United States, I urge you to consider the lasting impacts your policies will have on American taxpayers and local economies, especially at a time when so many are struggling due to the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. In that vein, I was deeply dismayed to see reports that you are planning to take executive action on your first day in office to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline permit, and strongly urge you to reverse your proposed decision.

As you may know, the proposed Keystone XL pipeline spans six states, each of which will greatly benefit from this project. The Keystone XL pipeline would transport oil from North Dakota and Montana to a market hub in Nebraska for further delivery to Gulf Coast refineries. The project would consist of approximately 1,200 new miles of pipeline with the capacity to transport 830,000 barrels per day. Completion is in the best interest of our economic recovery and is critical in ensuring American energy independence moving forward.

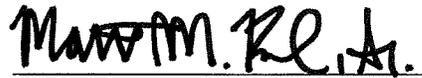
The Keystone XL pipeline will also directly create 10,400 good-paying American jobs and has already created 200 in the state of Montana alone. TC Energy has already awarded more than \$1.6 billion worth of contracts to six American companies, who will employ 7,000 union workers earning more than \$900 million in gross wages in 2021.¹ The project will stimulate local economies, provide much needed tax revenue to state and local governments, and is estimated to boost the U.S. GDP by \$3.4 billion during construction alone.²

¹ <https://www.keystonexl.com/project-updates/updates-feed/2020/tc-energy-awards-american-contracts-to-build-keystone-xl/>

² <https://www.tcenergy.com/siteassets/pdfs/oils-and-liquids/keystone-xl/updates/newsletter/keystone-xl-2020-summer-newsletter.pdf>

In a time when the nation is experiencing such economic uncertainty, I urge you to reverse your proposed decision to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline and the thousands of good-paying jobs it would provide. I hope you will reconsider and look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Rosendale, Sr." with a horizontal line underneath the text.

Matthew Rosendale, Sr.
Member of Congress