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

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of the approximately 725,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I write to express support for the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The IBEW believes that issuance of the Presidential Permit for the project is in the national interest and it respectfully urges you to conclude the same.

At a time when job creation should be the top priority, the Keystone XL pipeline project will put Americans back to work and have ripple benefits throughout the economy. The shovel-ready pipeline would create 20,000 direct jobs and 118,000 indirect jobs. IBEW members look forward to being part of this historic project and pledge to deliver the highest quality work into make it a success.

In addition to bolstering America's economy, the pipeline would help strengthen national security by importing oil from our friendly neighbor Canada. This would decrease imports of higher priced oil from regions such as the Middle East, which are not friendly to the United States and do not share our values.

The IBEW respectfully urges you to find that the Presidential Permit is in the national interest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin D. Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "D".

Edwin D. Hill
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Copy to Barack Obama, President of the United States
Alexander Yuan, Keystone XL EIS Project