Tonight, the House passed my North American Energy Access Act (NAMES Act) as part of the larger PIONEERS Act (H.R. 3408). This is the second time that the House has passed this legislation that gives the permitting authority over the Keystone XL Pipeline to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The first time the House passed it, it was tied to the Payroll Tax Extension that the President signed into law right before Christmas. This time around, my legislation was a provision of Rep. Lamborn's (CO-05) PIONEERS Act.

This is a tremendous victory for our nation's energy security. The House passage of the PIONEERS Act (and my NAMES Act) shows that not only we - but the American people - want to use our own resources or those from a partner like Canada. Not from countries like Venezuela or other unfriendly nations.