

Washington –

Congressmen Lee Terry (R-NE) and Mike Ross (D-AR) – along with 103 of their colleagues – have sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, calling on the Senate to advance H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act (NAMES Act) as soon as possible.

The NAMES Act gives the President a concrete deadline to conclude the analysis and approval process for the Keystone XL Pipeline – a procedure that has dragged on for nearly three years.

On July 26, 2011, a bipartisan effort passed the NAMES Act by a vote of 279-147 in the House of Representatives. The NAMES Act was then sent to the Senate and placed on the Senate calendar for review.

"As our economy continues to languish, the Keystone pipeline is ready to help reduce energy prices, wean us off OPEC oil, and create over 120,000 American jobs in the Midwest, Rockies, and Gulf Coast. This is a massive gift to the nation, just waiting to be unwrapped. There is no reason for further delay. It is vital that the Senate vote on this important bill as soon as possible," Terry said.