

WASHINGTON, DC –

Congressmen Lee Terry (R-NE) and Mike Ross (D-AR) have delivered a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, requesting that the U.S. Department of State produce a timeline for the evaluation of and decision on the permitting for the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The permitting process for the Keystone XL Pipeline has been going on for more than 1100 days. This is a longer period of evaluation than any pipeline permit decision in history. Because of delays in the decision making process – including reports that the final decision could be delayed another year -- and the potential for the finished pipeline to create jobs and decrease energy reliance on foreign regimes, Representatives Terry and Ross thought it appropriate to request this status update.

Such an informative update, if provided, would let Americans know exactly where this major project – with the ability to influence all of our country – sits in the U.S. Department of State's evaluation process.

"Americans have been waiting over three years now for the tens of thousands of construction and energy industry jobs, as well as the hundreds of thousands of spin-off jobs, that this pipeline is ready to produce.

"We simply can't make do with an open-ended timeline. Secretary Clinton is more than capable of letting us know where this application stands," Terry said.