WASHINGTON, DC –

Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today released the following statement, replying to the President's announcement that he would reject any attempt to tie a deal over the Keystone XL Pipeline to the payroll tax extension, as part of the "end-of-the-year" House legislative bundle that includes an extension of unemployment insurance.

"I don't understand why the President wants unemployment extended, but he won't support a bill that creates American jobs," Terry said.