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Terry Keystone Legislation Given Bipartisan Approval by Committee

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Lee Terry's (R-NE) North American Energy Access Act (H.R. 3548) was approved by the House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee. While numerous amendments to the legislation were proposed by Committee Members, not one was adopted. The bill was given bipartisan approval in a vote of 33 to 20.

The North American Energy Access Act removes the president's authority over the Keystone XL Pipeline's permit and gives it to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). It instructs FERC to approve the pipeline within 30 days of receiving the permit application – if it complies with the State Department's Final Environmental Impact Statement. This legislation also respects the State of Nebraska's ongoing process of determining an acceptable pipeline route through Nebraska.

"It is not unprecedented to lay an oil pipeline across America. Many pipelines already crisscross our great country. Opposition to Keystone demonstrates a lack of knowledge about how energy is moved throughout the U.S., or a desire to gain political points.

"Let's put the politics aside and get on with it. We need the jobs, oil, and energy security that Keystone will bring our country. We've got to move the Keystone XL Pipeline

forward, despite the president's effort to kill it – and this bill does just that," Terry said.