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Terry Statement on Senate's Keystone XL Denial

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today released the following statement on the U.S. Senate's narrow defeat of a Republican-authored amendment that would have stripped the Obama administration of its power to authorize the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The amendment, that fell four votes short of the approval threshold, would have transferred the Keystone XL authorization power to Congress.

"I am extremely disappointed that the president made a personal lobbying effort to kill this Keystone amendment. He continues to play politics with this pipeline, even if it means denying the American people affordable gasoline. I have little confidence that the president will ever approve the pipeline, as long as he can get some political mileage out of it.

"Millions of Americans need work. Gas prices are going through the ceiling. We're importing about a quarter of our oil from OPEC. We've got a president who, despite all of this, is willing to call Senate Democrats to get them to vote against this North American pipeline. There is something wrong with this picture." Terry said.