WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) released the following statement today in response to a study on the impact of the Keystone XL pipeline on the Nebraska economy conducted by Creighton University economist Dr. Ernie Goss for the Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA):

“The most important reason for the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline is to provide a steady, reliable source of energy for the United States from a source just steps from our northern border. The pipeline has the potential to bring us closer to energy security and less dependent on OPEC nations. The economic impact of the Keystone pipeline is an added bonus both nationally and within the state of Nebraska.

** “Governor Heineman will make a decision soon about the portion of the pipeline through our state. It is my hope the State Department will make a final decision immediately following the governor’s declaration. The benefits of Keystone are obvious and there is no reason to delay its final approval and construction. We need to get Americans back to work.”**