Keystone XL oil pipeline battle has only just begun

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When it comes to the fate of the 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline, proponents and foes agree that the fight did not end with President Obama's decision Wednesday to reject the pipeline's permit application. The question is how the battle will be waged in the months to come.

A war of words is being fought on the campaign trail. And some House Republicans vow to again seek legislation to clear the path for the controversial pipeline. Environmental groups say they will fight not only new Keystone proposals but also other major oil pipelines that would carry crude from Canada's oil sands region.

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