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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

In light of recent events, we urge you to quickly approve the Keystone XL pipeline and determine that it is in the national interest. This multibillion dollar infrastructure project advances U.S. economic and strategic interests by creating jobs and supporting the leadership role that North America is playing in global energy production.

As you know, two major hurdles to approval of the pipeline have now been resolved. After an extensive series of reviews stretching back to 2008, including more than 2.5 million public comments and input from eight federal agencies, your Department has concluded that the Keystone XL pipeline would not have a negative impact on the environment. More recently, Nebraska's Supreme Court upheld the governor's authority to approve the pipeline route within the state.

The Keystone XL pipeline would substantially help our economy. By the State Department's own estimate, the pipeline would support over 42,000 jobs and \$2 billion in earnings during its construction. In addition, the Department found that during the pipeline's operation, counties along its route would receive "substantial" increases in revenue from the project.

Approving the Keystone XL pipeline is clearly in America's strategic interest. Recent technological advances have transformed our continent into an energy powerhouse, leaving the U.S. less dependent on unstable energy sources and enhancing American influence in global energy markets—significantly driving down gas prices. By enhancing our partnership with Canada, one of our closest and most reliable allies, we have the opportunity to further reduce this dependence while continuing to strengthen our global influence.

Mr. Secretary, Canadian officials have made clear that their oil will reach global markets whether or not the pipeline is built. Continued hesitation risks forfeiting the significant economic and strategic benefits offered by this project. We urge you to act now.

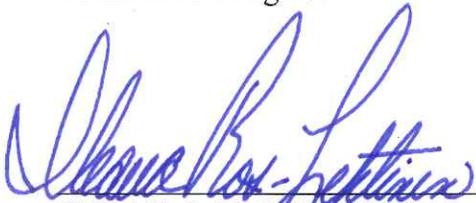
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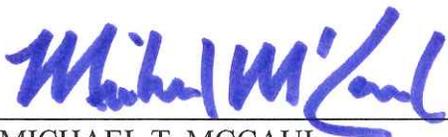
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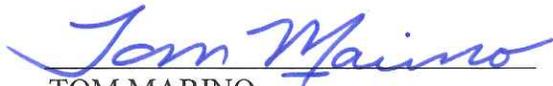
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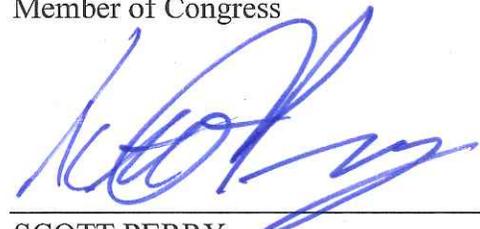
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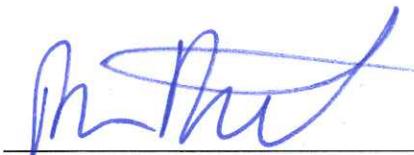
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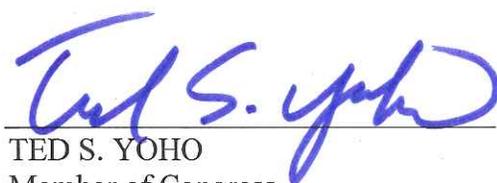
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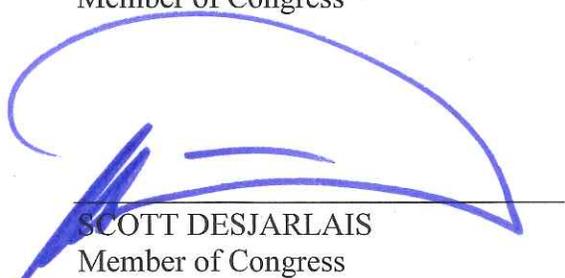
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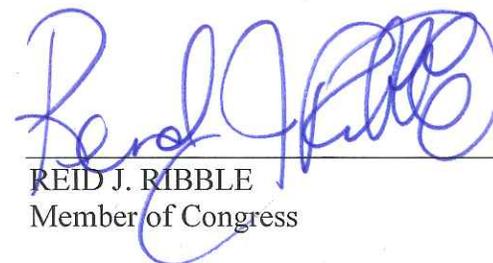
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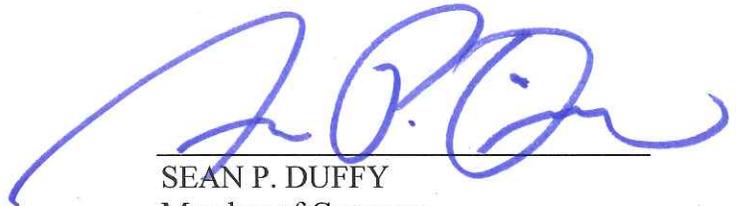
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