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United States Senate

February 2, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

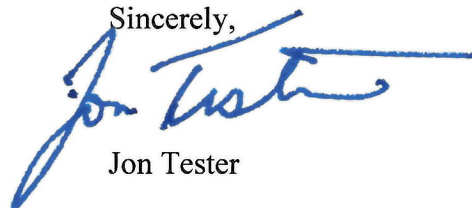
I am writing to encourage you to reconsider your decision to cancel the presidential permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline. This project has the potential to support thousands of good paying jobs, increase tax revenue into local communities, and support a safer, more efficient alternative to transporting fossil fuel by truck or railroad.

The completion of the Keystone XL Pipeline would be a powerful economic driver for Montana. I continue to support this project as long it is built to the highest safety standards, uses American steel, respects private property rights, and includes robust consultation with Tribes. I have reiterated these necessary steps to TC Energy and believe the company is working towards these goals. I also share your commitment to addressing climate change and am encouraged that the company is committed to significant renewable energy development along the pipeline route. I also support their commitment to hire American union construction members to complete this project. I believe there is a path forward for this project that will have a positive impact across the board and ask that your Administration engage with TC Energy, Tribes, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the pipeline.

Montana's Native communities have reached out directly to me, and to TC Energy, to express their concerns with the current route, and related community safety and water quality concerns. With a straightforward conversation and commonsense safeguards, I believe we can make adjustments to the proposed project that will provide even stronger protections for people and clean water, while still supporting jobs and economic development along the pipeline route.

I stand ready to help facilitate these conversations, and look forward to working with you to safely secure a significant investment in Montana's economy.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester