

November 13, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for S. 2280, “A Bill to Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline”

Dear Leader Reid and Leader McConnell:

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) and our more than 250 member companies and organizations, we would like to convey our strong support for S. 2280, “a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.” CEA urges Congress to swiftly pass this bill during the lame duck session and allow this project to move forward now.

CEA has long supported the Keystone XL project as a safe and environmentally responsible means to significantly increase the stability and security of America’s energy supply and to grow the economy. Since 2010, CEA consumer-advocates have written more than 1.5 million letters to the U.S. State Department, Congress and the White House to encourage approval of the pipeline. Polling sponsored by CEA earlier this year found that about 60 percent of citizens in several states, including Kentucky, Colorado, Iowa and New Hampshire, strongly support Keystone XL.

By reducing overseas oil imports, the United States can mitigate the impacts that instability abroad can have for oil prices and, by effect, benefit millions of American energy consumers. Recent increases in U.S. and Canadian oil production have depressed global oil prices, and consumers and the U.S. economy now benefit from gasoline prices below \$3.00. Keystone XL will play a vital role in maintaining these current gains in North American energy self-sufficiency and fuel affordability.

Further, since the Canadian oil sands will be produced regardless of their destination, it makes far more sense for the United States to refine and consume the oil here, under some of the strictest environmental standards, than for Canada to ship it abroad to countries with laxer regulations.

We strongly believe this project is in the national and the consumers' best interest, and it is well past time to approve Keystone XL. We look forward to the Senate's expeditious action to move Keystone XL forward.

Sincerely,



David Holt
President