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To Whom it May Concern,

As the Fallon County Commission, we are writing to you on behalf of Fallon County, to strongly encourage your support for the completion of a critical American infrastructure project: Keystone XL.

At a time when the U.S. economy is tougher than ever for businesses, we felt impassioned to share with you just how vital Keystone XL is to the current and future success our local economy and in the lives of the citizens in Fallon County, Montana.

The pipeline will generate more than \$2 billion in U.S. wages and add \$3.4 billion to the U.S. GDP during construction. Literally dozens of struggling small towns along the path will benefit exponentially from the big economic lift that Keystone XL brings with it.

As leaders of our community, we know you can appreciate how badly we need this boost to support the place we call home. Your constituents are hard-working Americans who desperately want – and need – to get back to work so they can put food on the table and provide for their families during an incredibly challenging time in our history. Keystone XL provides us the ability to do all of this.

The project has also changed significantly since it was conceived. TC Energy has committed to utilize only union labor to build Keystone XL in the United States, resulting in up to 8,000 jobs and \$900 million gross union wages in 2021 alone. As part of this, the company is creating a \$10 million Green Jobs Training Fund to aid union members in a transition to the green economy of the future. Keystone XL has also signed agreements with Indigenous communities to become equity owners in the project and realize transformational long-term economic benefits. This is in addition to the more than \$500 million expected to be spent with Indigenous contractors, businesses and workers during construction.

This project has already experienced far too many unnecessary delays and scrutiny. Further delaying or canceling projects like Keystone XL sends a clear message to American companies working on them: our voice isn't important, and it's not being heard. Please do whatever you can to prevent these jobs from being taken away from your constituents.

We are counting on you to support this project and help deliver the thousands of high-quality and high-paying American jobs as well as millions of dollars in annual property taxes from the project that will directly support American schools, hospitals and first responders at a time when this support is most needed.

As the Fallon County Commission and in the continued interest of Fallon County, Montana, we strongly urge you to show your support for Keystone XL and help it progress in order to strengthen the future of our country.

I would be happy to discuss this issue further at your convenience and address any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Roy Rost, Chairman

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