

September 2, 2020

Mr. Richard Prior Senior VP – Liquids Pipelines, and President Keystone XL TC Energy <u>keystone@tcenergy.com</u>

Dear Mr. Prior:

Re: Support for the Keystone XL Pipeline

SARM represents all 296 rural municipalities (RM) in Saskatchewan and is the principal advocate in representing them before senior governments. The Association takes direction from its members and forms its policy accordingly. SARM and many of our members have supported the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline since the beginning.

The expected economic benefits of the Keystone XL project are significant. In Saskatchewan, the project is expected to create over 1,000 short-term jobs during construction and generate an estimated \$2.97 million in additional annual property taxes to municipalities along the right-of-way in the province, once in-service.

The Keystone XL project will have the added benefit of reducing the negative impacts of transporting heavy oil on our highways and railways, which is an important consideration for our membership. The environmental benefits of the pipeline are also important to consider, as this method transporting of resources will reduce air pollution associated with land transportation. In addition, we believe that advancing the economic competitiveness of Saskatchewan and providing powerful economic stimulus for rural municipalities is important to our membership.

SARM will continue to support the Keystone XL project to increase Canada's market access safely and sustainably while creating meaningful economic growth in our communities.

Sincerely,

Ray Orb President