

# UPPER MISSOURI

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Honorable Senators: Tester, Daines, Hoeven & Cramer

Honorable Congressmen: Rosendale & Armstrong

We are writing to you on behalf of Upper Missouri Power Cooperative, a regional cooperative that provides transmission services to six Montana and five North Dakota electric cooperatives. Our region is home to vast ranches, farms, oil & gas development and the communities that serve these industries. Our member-owners are not strangers to hard work, fighting the elements to produce food and energy for the nation and beyond. We are increasingly concerned with our Administration's Executive action power; permitting and taking permits away, completely eroding this sense of certainty for businesses who wish to invest in our country's future.

We have worked in good faith with TC Energy for several years. We have witnessed their care and concern for the landowners and community firsthand. TC Energy has committed to utilize only union labor to build the Keystone XL pipeline in the United States, resulting in up to 8,000 jobs and \$900 million in gross union wages in 2021 alone. Further, TC Energy has committed to 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, business and workers during construction.

The Keystone XL project has experienced far too many unnecessary delays and scrutiny. Creating unnecessary delays at the whim of an executive order sends a very negative message to business developers, the hardworking citizens of our country and our good neighbors to the north, Canada. We are counting upon you to support this project to bring jobs, tax revenue and energy certainty to our region and country.

As trustees and management of Upper Missouri Power Cooperative we strongly urge you to show your support for the Keystone XL project and the economic prosperity of the region and country.

Sincerely,



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Ismay, MT



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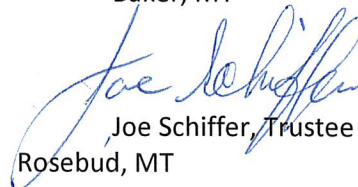
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