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October 7, 2011

The Honorable Hillary Clinton  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
Keystone XL Project NID  
P.O. Box 96503-98500  
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RE: Support for Keystone XL Pipeline – National Interest Determination

Dear Secretary Clinton:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Canadian American Business Council (CABC), we are writing to express our support for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. We respectfully urge the Department of State to grant the Presidential Permit that will allow for the construction of the pipeline – an infrastructure project that is a benefit to U.S. national security, energy security, and economic interest. Simply put, the Canadian American Business Council believes that the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline is in the national interest of the United States.

The CABC has historically advocated for a comprehensive North American approach to energy and economic security. Established in 1987 in Washington, D.C., the CABC is a non-profit, non-partisan, bi-national, member-led organization that promotes the diverse interests of its members on both sides of the U.S./Canada border and spotlights the enormous advantages of the multiplicity of ties that bind the United States and Canada.

Canada is the single largest supplier of energy to the U.S. and is best-suited to facilitate matters of safety, security, and predictability when it comes to meeting U.S. energy needs. Given current economic realities on both sides of our shared border and the interdependence of our economies, it is vitally important now more than ever that our two countries collaborate in creating jobs and stimulating the economy. The Keystone XL pipeline project will do just that, while at the same time reducing America's dependence on sources of energy from nations that are less stable and democratic. As the largest, privately financed infrastructure project scheduled to get underway in North America today, the Keystone XL pipeline will create manufacturing, construction, and service-related jobs across multiple states and will employ the most up-to-date environmental standards and technologies.

Further to a written submission to the State Department in June 2010, the CABC testified and reiterated its views that the pipeline will bring the U.S. oil

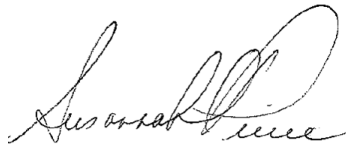
from Canada during North America's transition to a low-carbon economy. The two countries share an economic space, just as they share the challenges and results of energy's effect on the environment.

Extensive due diligence has been undertaken by the Department of State, ten Federal agencies, and a myriad of local governments and is reflected in the exhaustive Final Environmental Impact Study that was released recently. The Final Environmental Impact Statement affirms that there are no substantial environmental concerns in the construction of this immensely valuable energy infrastructure project.

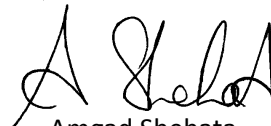
TransCanada, a longstanding member of the CABC, has consistently proven to be a good steward of the environment and an industry leader in meeting and exceeding best practices and regulatory standards on both sides of the U.S./Canada border.

Thank you for accepting the CABC's endorsement of the Keystone XL pipeline infrastructure project. We look forward to a final decision and positive acknowledgement of the significant economic and national security benefits that this project will bring to the United States.

Sincerely,



Susannah Pierce  
Chair



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