

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 13, 2014

President Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As you know next week the U.S. Senate is preparing to adopt H.R. 5682 by Representative Bill Cassidy (R-LA) that would finally authorize building the Keystone XL Pipeline after more than 6 years of delay by your administration.

The Keystone XL Pipeline will help North America become more energy independent and will contribute more than \$3 billion to the economy. Even more significant, your own State Department estimates that building the pipeline will create more than 42,000 jobs.

Multiple attempts to have the Senate vote to approve the pipeline over the past two years have been rejected by Democratic leadership prior to the recent November election. Now that they are planning to hold a vote, it is essential that we understand your position on this legislation.

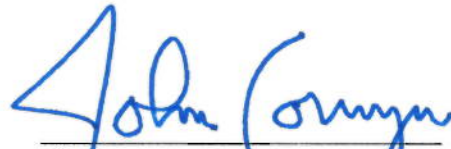
The American people deserve to know if the effort by Democratic leadership to finally make good on our request to vote to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline is a serious attempt to build the pipeline and grow our economy, or if this is a shell game designed to give certain Democratic Senators cover as they meet with constituents to discuss this issue. A Statement of Administration Policy on this matter is an important and welcome step.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our letter, and we look forward to a prompt reply.

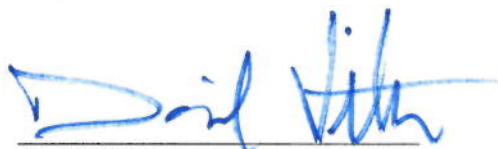
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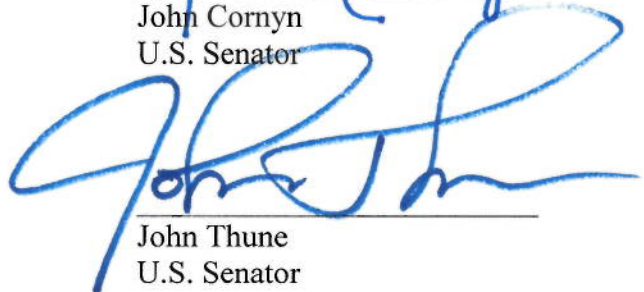
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