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Dear Members of the Nebraska (NE) Public Service Commission (PSC):

As members of the Village of Steele City Board of Trustees, we understand the importance of the Keystone XL pipeline project to Nebraskans and this State, and are writing today to respectfully urge the members of the NE PSC to approve the route outlined in TransCanada's recent permit application.

The project has been through extensive reviews at both the Federal and State levels for almost a decade now. It has gone through five comprehensive scientific reviews by the U.S. State Department, which concluded that Keystone XL, "would result in a project that would have a degree of safety over any other typically constructed domestic oil pipeline system under current code," and a thorough review by the NE Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ), which concluded the project "could have minimal environmental impacts in NE," if build as currently proposed.

These studies re-emphasize a fact that we already know, and that is that pipelines remain the safest, greenest, most reliable and cost efficient way to transport oil over long distances.

Just as important as the safety and environmental aspects of this project are, the economic benefits are just as critical, and this project has many benefits to NE and its families. In fact, the proposed Keystone XL project would generate significant monetary benefits in the State of Nebraska and nationwide.

The NDEQ report estimated the construction of the pipeline would support 4,560 new or existing jobs in the State and would result in a \$418 million benefit to the local economy. In addition, \$16.5 million in use taxes would be created from construction materials and up to \$13 million in property taxes would be created in the first year of operation.

At the National level, construction of the Keystone XL project is expected to contribute approximately \$3.4 billion to the U.S. GDP, with total estimated property tax in the first full year of operations to be roughly \$55 million spread across 27 countries and three states—including this great state. Additionally, sales and use taxes revenue from the construction of the project would result in approximately \$66 million, helping to ease the tax burden on ordinary Americans.

In conclusion, we believe that this project is in the best interest of Nebraskans and Americans, and for this, we strongly encourage the NE PSC to approve TransCanada's application.

Respectfully,

Village of Steele City Board of Trustees

