

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2012

Mr. Russell Girling
President and Chief Executive Officer
TransCanada Corporation
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Dear Mr. Girling:

We applaud TransCanada's decision today to move forward on initial segments of the Keystone XL pipeline in the southern part of the United States. As you begin this process, we encourage you to carefully consider the opportunity to bring Montana oil online as soon as possible as well. As we have both stated numerous times, Keystone XL is an important addition to the country's energy infrastructure and energy security. We are particularly pleased that the Keystone XL pipeline will carry American oil from Baker, Montana, south. This pipeline is critical to the country's economy and to Montana, as it will swiftly deliver responsibly produced domestic oil to market.

We urge you to move forward as soon as possible on construction for the Keystone XL pipeline from Baker, Montana to Cushing, Oklahoma.

After three years of analysis, we have been dismayed to witness the unnecessary delays that have resulted in \$7 billion of private capital kept from investing in our energy security. The president's decision to delay a decision until 2013 was a missed opportunity that we can ill-afford when we must be promoting an "all of the above" approach to investing in our energy future.

As you move into the construction phase, we urge you to hire Montanans who are skilled and stand ready and waiting to assist you in this effort. We also urge you to assure that in building the pipeline you construct it to the highest safety standards in both rural and urban areas, respect private property owners and source as many materials as possible from the United States.

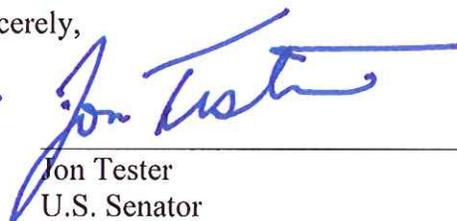
Energy producers in Montana are ready to go. Construction of the segments from Baker, Montana, to Nebraska and Oklahoma would put more shovels in the ground sooner, without running into more red tape.

Thank you your consideration.



Max Baucus
U.S. Senator

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
U.S. Senator