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## **AOPL WELCOMES CONGRESSIONAL VOTES ON KEYSTONE XL**

*WASHINGTON, DC* - The Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL) welcomes Congressional votes to authorize the Keystone XL pipeline. The Keystone XL pipeline will provide American workers with good-paying jobs, consumers with access to lower priced energy, communities with safer energy transportation, the environment with cleaner energy transportation and the country with more energy from a stable and secure partner.

“Congress realizes American consumers and workers have waited long enough to start receiving the benefits of the Keystone XL pipeline,” said Andy Black, President and CEO.

Construction of the Keystone XL pipeline will provide over 42,000 U.S. jobs and \$2.1 billion in U.S. worker payroll, according to the U.S. State Department. While Keystone XL will support 6,800 construction jobs with \$420 million in payroll, it will also lead to 4,600 manufacturing jobs with \$309 million in payroll, 4,400 jobs in trade with \$172 million in payroll, 2,200 jobs in finance and insurance with \$131 million in payroll, 5,100 jobs in other professional services with \$343 million in payroll, 2,700 jobs in health services with \$141 million in payroll, and 5,700 jobs in food and accommodations with \$278 million in payroll.

Pipelines are also the safest way to transport petroleum products like crude oil and gasoline across the country. According to U.S. government statistics, 99.999% percent of petroleum products shipped by pipeline reach their destination safely. Over the last 15 years, the number of pipeline releases are down 62% and amounts released are down 47%.

Keystone XL promises to be one of the safest pipelines ever built. The pipeline’s operator will adhere to 57 special safety conditions, including more rigorous pipeline design, manufacturing, construction, records and reporting, testing, operational, and maintenance standards developed in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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