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## **AOPL WELCOMES CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF KEYSTONE XL**

*WASHINGTON, DC* – Today, the Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL) welcomed Congressional passage of legislation 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.

“With Congressional passage of legislation enabling the job creation, consumer benefit and transportation safety of the Keystone XL pipeline we hope the President will sign this bill and allow the American people to receive these benefits,” 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. Since 1999, the number of incidents along pipeline rights of way is down 50%.

Keystone XL promises to be one of the safest pipelines ever built. The pipeline’s operator will adhere to 59 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.

The 270-152 vote by the U.S. House of Representatives followed the U.S. Senate’s approval of the same bill two weeks ago by a vote of 62-36. AOPL urges the President to heed the overwhelming public support for the project and sign the legislation into law.

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