

January 12, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

### **U.S. Construction Industry Urges Swift Approval of Keystone XL Pipeline Project**

Dear President Obama:

The undersigned organizations representing American construction workers, contractors, and suppliers urge you to swiftly approve the Keystone XL pipeline project.

By bringing an extra 830,000 barrels of oil per day to U.S. refineries, the pipeline would reduce U.S. reliance on energy resources from less stable regions, create American jobs, and enhance our national security. With the pipeline, our crude imports from Canada could reach four million barrels a day by 2020, twice what we currently import from the Persian Gulf. Recent volatility in that region related to Iran's nuclear program only reinforces the urgent need to tap into new energy sources. Of great significance to our members is the fact that the project would also directly create 20,000 jobs, 13,000 of which would be in the construction sector.

Put simply, Keystone XL offers a safe, practical way to bring more Canadian oil to U.S. refineries, thereby benefitting American consumers and workers and improving our energy and economic security. It clearly serves our national interest and should be approved without delay.

Sincerely,

American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Rental Association  
American Road and Transportation Builders Association  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Laborers' International Union of North America  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Utility Contractors Association  
Portland Cement Association  
The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the  
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada