



# **CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN TODAY!**

**Ask them to support the creation of 13,000 union construction jobs!**

**Ask them to sign the letter supporting the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline!**

Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, General President Hite has made constructing the TransCanada Keystone pipeline a top priority for the United Association because it will help put our members back to work. TransCanada has already signed a Project Labor Agreement for all aspects of construction. **This project will create 13,000 high-wage jobs with benefits for our members.** Additionally, with this project, the U.S. will receive oil from our ally, Canada, rather than increasing dependency on Middle Eastern countries. However, in order for the project to move forward the Department of State must issue a Presidential Permit.

Currently, republican Congressman Connie Mack (FL-14) is circulating a bi-partisan letter in Washington D.C. in support of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline. In one week, the letter will be sent to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asking that the department issue the final permit quickly so that we can begin construction soon.

This letter is critical to our success. **We are asking you to call your Congressman and urge them to sign on to Congressman Connie Mack's support letter! Locate your Representatives' contact information [here](#).**

The deadline for signatures is *Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>*. Your congressman can contact Nathan Gately in Congressman Mack's office at 202-225-2536 or [Nathan.Gately@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nathan.Gately@mail.house.gov) to sign-on.

TransCanada applied for the final Presidential Permit in 2008. Two years have passed and our industry is experiencing 30% unemployment. We cannot afford to wait any longer!

## **What you need to know:**

- This project, under a Project Labor Agreement, will create 13,000 good-paying construction jobs, with benefits. In addition, it will create hundreds of permanent positions needed for daily operation and significantly boost the local economy.
- This project does not require any tax payer dollars or federal funding to be built.
- If we do not act, China has already taken the initial financial and tactical steps to gain from our loss if this project fails. Without this pipeline, China is prepared to step in and ship the oil overseas in order to sell it back to our country at double the price.
- The US currently invests in oil from Venezuela, Nigeria, Mexico and Saudi Arabia. In order to increase our national security and energy independence, we need to decrease our reliance on foreign oil.

Call your [Representatives](#) today! If you have any questions, please contact the Department.

Thank you.

**United Association Legislative Action Task Force**