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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street N.W. Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, particularly those whose land and livelihood are located along the proposed pipeline right-of-way, we write to you to formally request that the Department of State issue a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Keystone XL project and provide a sufficient period of time for public review. The public and cooperating agencies deserve the opportunity to review and comment on the myriad impacts of this massive energy infrastructure project that were left unaddressed in the Draft EIS before the Department finalizes the EIS.

The deficiencies in the Draft EIS have been publicly highlighted by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Department of Interior, and numerous U.S. Senators and Representatives. Among these were the inadequate assessments of the need for the project, its impact on other energy supply options, the frequency and impact of diluted bitumen pipeline spills, and its route through one of America's most important natural resources, the Ogallala Aquifer. Other inadequacies of the document include a lack of consideration of the project's potential impacts on trans-boundary greenhouse gas emissions, spill response, and air quality in the communities surrounding the refineries that the pipeline would service. Chairman Waxman, Senator Johanns, and the EPA have all explicitly called for a Supplemental EIS to address these issues.

Additionally, technical changes to the details of the project were announced subsequent to the release of the Draft EIS, including the incorporation of the Bakken oil fields “on-ramp” and the withdrawal of the Department of Transportation special permit application. Moreover, the BP Gulf disaster and numerous pipeline spills over the past six months have dramatically altered the cultural context of this decision and have only increased its controversial nature. Landowners in right-of-way states are justifiably concerned. These technical and contextual changes further necessitate the release of a revised document to be circulated for public comment.

The environmental community echoes the requests of policymakers and concerned stakeholders. We ask the Department of State to display its commitment to transparency and public involvement by issuing a Supplemental EIS.

Sincerely,

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