



# Big Flat Electric Cooperative

*Serving Blaine, Phillips and Valley Counties*

October 12, 2020

Honorable Senator Steve Daines  
320 Senate Hart Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 25010

RE: Keystone Pipeline

Dear Senator Daines,

I am writing to share the importance of the TC Energy/Keystone XL pipeline proposed pumping load to Big Flat Electric Cooperative.

Big Flat Electric Cooperative has many challenges to maintain affordable rates. The geographic area that the cooperative serves is five times larger than the state of Rhode Island. In our vast service area of low-density population which includes much of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Big Flat Electric serves only 1,100 members. Although, we take pride in keeping costs as low as practicable with 1,628 miles of power line we are left with many fixed costs to spread over a small membership. There are a lot of miles between houses in our rural area.

The Keystone XL pipeline's projected load is four times the size of all Big Flat Electric Cooperative's existing loads combined. With the agreed to equitable rate design this load would pay far more of Big Flat Electric's fixed costs than would be increased to serve the load. This would lower the present fixed costs burdens on existing members. It would also provide Big Flat Electric Cooperative the means to invest in needed reliability improvements to our existing system.

Big Flat Electric Cooperative and other electric cooperatives will serve multiple valve sites throughout our systems as well. We know these valves and sensors are focused on increased safety of the pipeline, which we note have increased in number, a fact we appreciate.

As with any of our members' new loads we look forward to serving safe, reliable electric power to them. It is rare to have an opportunity that brings such a positive impact on costs for all members. The tax impact of this project is an indirect benefit to the area and Montana, providing a badly needed large tax base in Phillips County and other Montana counties. This tax base is much needed to help fund our county government and schools in rural Montana, relieving some of the existing tax burden to area property tax payers. The pipelines property tax will also provide significant revenue the state needs to fund K-12 and higher education.

I appreciate how you have supported this project from the beginning and look forward to your continued support of the TC Energy/Keystone XL pipeline project.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Boardman  
General Manager

# CARTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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November 25, 2020

Via US Postal Service

The Honorable Joe Biden  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500-0003

Dear Mr. President:

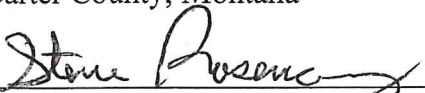
We, the governing Board of County Commissioners of Carter County, Montana, are writing to express our strongest support of the Keystone XL Pipeline project, especially Phase IV of the pipeline project.

Mr. President, you are aware that the Keystone will connect a secure supply of Canadian crude oil with the largest refining centers in the United States. The project will also include on-ramps for U.S. domestic crude that would enable supplies from the local Bakken fields to be transported to refineries in the Gulf. In addition to improving the nation's economy and energy security, the Keystone Pipeline would provide the country with tens of thousands of badly needed manufacturing and construction jobs and will contribute an estimated \$3.4 billion in benefits to the U.S. economy. You are also aware that the transportation of oil via the pipeline is more economical and safer than transport by truck or rail through our communities.

However, what you may not know is the development of the Keystone pipeline will generate an estimated \$138.4 million in annual property tax revenue for state and local governments where the pipeline is located. The Keystone will create \$585 million in new taxes for communities along the pipeline route and will create \$5.2 billion in property taxes during the lifetime of the pipeline.

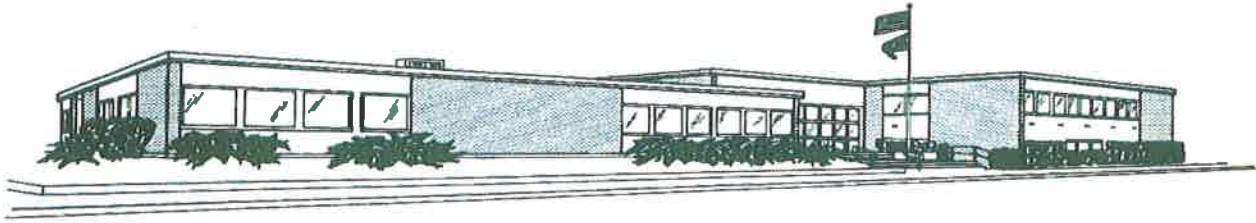
Mr. President, we cannot stress enough the importance of how badly this revenue source is needed by rural Montana communities. The revenues generated from existing pipelines in this county have literally saved our communities. They have generated much needed funding for local schools, local hospitals, local economic development, development of needed infrastructure, and property tax relief for local ranchers, farmers, and businesses. These revenues are provided by big business to the relief of local taxpayers for the benefit of our communities in rural America. We implore you to allow the safe development of the Keystone XL Pipeline for the benefit of America. Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Board of County Commissioners  
Carter County, Montana

  
Steve Rosencranz, Chairman

  
Rod Tauck, Vice Chairman

  
Mike Watkins, Member



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November 23, 2020

RE: TC Energy's Keystone Pipeline Construction Project

Dear Interested Party:

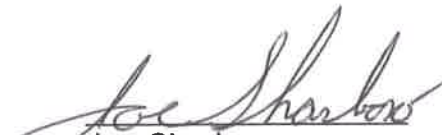
We, the Dawson County Commissioners would like you to join us in our support for TC Energy's Keystone Pipeline construction project.

TC Energy has the full support of the Dawson County Commission Board in pursuing the construction of the Keystone Pipeline Project. The 42 miles of pipeline slated for Dawson County will bring a much-needed economic boost to the community through initial construction spending and future tax base. The TC Energy staff has already done an outstanding job of preparing and planning for the project and has been a great community partner.

Please join us in supporting TC Energy's Keystone Pipeline construction project.

Sincerely;  
Dawson County Board of Commissioners

  
Dennis Zander,  
Chairman

  
Joe Sharbono,  
Member

  
Gary Kartevold,  
Member

To: Senator Daines

From: Dennis Teske  
Teske Farms INC.

I've been a resident of Prairie County for 26 years. In that time I witnessed a decrease in our population. After education our young people move to where the jobs are, many times out of state. We see less opportunity each passing year. Our citizens become older, inflation robs us of spending dollars and taxes rise making it harder each year to pay those taxes. Our country needs places like us because we are PRODUCERS!

The TransCanada Pipeline is a must have for our county. The construction of the pipeline will create thousands of jobs and stability in our county. We need the tax revenue the pipeline will generate not only in our county but the state. In the pipelines estimated 50 years of useful life it will deliver \$600 million for Montana's school equalization. The pipeline represents 100's of full time jobs.

The TransCanada Pipeline is a must have for our country. The pipeline will create many thousands of jobs and after coming out the other side of Covid-19 we'll have to have those high paying jobs to help our economy recover. Natural resource creates wealth for her citizens. The pipeline will allow a safer mode of transportation. A study has shown shipping that amount of crude via pipeline vs. trucks and trains will save over 300 lives. The pipeline will make those transportations 46% carbon emissions cleaner. Probably the most important reason to build the pipeline in it will make America energy independent, no longer making America servant to no other nation.

Dennis Teske  
President Teske Farms INC>



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November 24, 2020

Senator Steve Daines  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Daines:

We are writing in support of the Keystone XL Pipeline because it would have significant benefit to many Montana counties. It would provide many positive socioeconomic impacts, its environmental footprint is small, and it provides significant risk reduction associated with oil transportation. It must be noted that the Northern Border gas pipeline has operated since 1982 without any negative environmental impact

The increased property tax revenues from the XL Pipeline would have a major economic boost to several counties. The majority of increased tax revenues will provide critical support to schools and some tax revenue used directly to support important county services.

TC Energy uses enhanced standards, state of the art technology and independent reviews to operate the pipeline to the highest safety standards. It incorporates 36" diameter, corrosion-resistant pipe and construction welds reviewed by third parties and audited by the federal government.

State of the art technology will be built into the pipeline to monitor flow with automatic shut off capability. It includes a higher number of remotely controlled shutoff valves, increased pipeline inspections and will bury the pipe deeper in the ground. Plans call for the monitoring the pipeline system 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through a centralized high-tech center.

Satellite technology sends data every five seconds from thousands of data points to the monitoring center and if a reduction in pressure is ever detected, the affected section of the pipeline will be isolated by remotely closing valves on the system within minutes. Plus, regular aerial and land inspection will be used to supplement digital monitoring.

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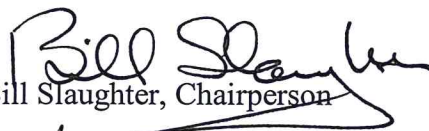
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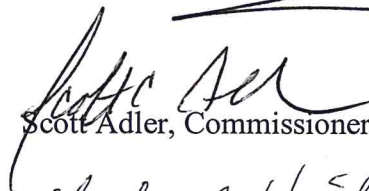
TC Energy has an oil spill record that is three times lower than the U.S. average with no catastrophic spills in the 2010 to 2017 timeframe. The most recent pipeline spill was contained immediately, as a result of the advanced pipeline technology that is in place. That spill is being remediated and TC Energy is living up to its commitment.

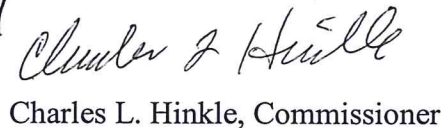
TC Energy is an outstanding community partner where it operates. It contributes funds for first responders, educational programs, community needs and environmental stewardship. We believe that they will continue to be an outstanding community partner in Montana.

We ask that you please move forward with this important infrastructure project, which will benefit Montana and the nation.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF GRANITE COUNTY

  
Bill Slaughter, Chairperson

  
Scott Adler, Commissioner

  
Charles L. Hinkle, Commissioner

cc: County Attorney Blaine Bradshaw



January 20, 2021

Dear Senator Daines,

As a businesswoman working in healthcare administration for over 30 years and the last 16 years in Eastern Montana, I am writing to you on behalf of McCone County Health Center in Circle as I appreciate your support for the completion of a critical American infrastructure project: Keystone XL.

As you know, it's a time when the U.S. economy is tougher than ever for businesses – like healthcare facilities and especially for frontier Critical Access Hospitals – I feel impassion to share with you just how vital Keystone XL is to the current and future success of our local economy and in the lives of the citizens in Circle, McCone County, Montana.

The pipeline will generate more than \$2 billion in U.S. wages and add \$3.4 billion to the U.S. GDP during construction. Literally dozens of struggling small towns along the path have benefited and will continue to benefit exponentially from the big economic lift that Keystone XL brings with it. For us at McCone County Health Center, the Keystone XL project means we can provide healthcare services to their workers and McCone County will be able to provide more financial support to their county-owned healthcare facility which would allow us to make the necessary improvements to our old building and add healthcare services desired by our community members. Community businesses will thrive too as McCone County will have 2 pump stations and stands to take in over \$15 million in tax revenue the first year the pipeline goes live. Other frontier counties that would benefit with pump stations are Phillips, Valley, Prairie and Fallon.

As a leader of our community, I know you can appreciate how badly we need this boost to support the place we call home. Your constituents are hard-working Americans who desperately want – and need – to get back to work so they can put food on the table and provide for their families during an incredibly challenging time in our history. Keystone XL provides us the ability to do all of this.

The project has also changed significantly since it was conceived. TC Energy has committed to utilize only union labor to build Keystone XL in the United States, resulting in up to 8,000 jobs and \$900 million gross union wages in 2021 alone. As part of this, the company is creating a \$10 million Green Jobs Training Fund to aid union members in a transition to the green economy of the future. Keystone XL has also signed agreements with Indigenous communities to become equity owners in the project and realize transformational long-term economic benefits. This is in addition to the more than \$500 million expected to be spent with Indigenous contractors, businesses, and workers during construction. Keystone XL has already proven how significant they are to our communities as they hired local contractors to help build their contractor camp and yard in McCone County.



This project has already experienced far too many unnecessary delays and scrutiny. Further delaying or canceling projects like Keystone XL sends a clear message to American companies working on them: our voice isn't important, and it's not being heard. Please do whatever you can to prevent these jobs from being taken away from your constituents. I'm not sure McCone County will survive without Keystone XL – that's how important it is to livelihood.

I am counting on you to make sure your voice is heard and help deliver the thousands of high-quality and high-paying American jobs as well as millions of dollars in annual property taxes from the project that will directly support American schools, hospitals and first responders at a time when this support is most needed.

As the Chief Executive Officer at McCone County Health Center and in the continued interest of McCone County, I strongly urge you to show your support for Keystone XL and help it progress to strengthen the future of our country.

I would be happy to discuss this issue further at your convenience and address any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Rosaaen, CEO

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# Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

September 28, 2020

Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

RE: Keystone XL Pipeline Project Section 10/404 Permits

Dear Lieutenant General Spellmon,

The Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA) encourages the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to approve the application of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project for permits under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The Keystone XL pipeline would significantly benefit four rural Montana electric cooperatives, increasing demand for the electricity they provide, potentially decreasing costs for their ratepayers and reducing area property taxes for the existing population. The four rural Montana electric cooperatives that would serve the pipeline include:

- 1) Big Flat Electric Cooperative in Malta, MT;
- 2) NorVal Electric Cooperative in Glasgow, MT;
- 3) McCone Electric Cooperative in Circle, MT; and
- 4) Tongue River Electric Cooperative in Ashland, MT.


Depending on which cooperative, the pipeline loads are estimated to double to quadruple electricity sales. The cooperatives' fixed costs, which are currently spread only among existing member ratepayers, would also be reduced for those existing ratepayers because of electricity sales to the pipeline, significantly helping defray ratepayer costs in these low population density areas. Moreover, the project would contribute property taxes in 12 rural Montana counties, directly benefiting schools and other public services.

MECA is confident the Keystone XL Project has been designed, built and operated to the highest industry standards to ensure the safety of the public, our members and the environment. The safety of the public and the environment was incorporated into every phase of the design and

development of Keystone XL and significant efforts were made to avoid and minimize impacts to waterways, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

The time is now to build the Keystone XL Pipeline. This project will provide tremendous economic benefit to Montana's rural communities and the state as a whole. On behalf of MECA's 25 consumer-owned electric distribution cooperatives and three generation and transmission cooperatives serving more than 400,000 members, I encourage the Army Corps of Engineers to approve the Keystone XL Project's Section 10/404 permit applications without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Wiens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Wiens  
Chief Executive Officer

To: Senator Daines

From: Prairie County Commissioner Dennis Teske

The proposed TransCanada Pipeline and building it is imperative to my county. After 12 years of stalling and delaying through court orders and new studies, "IT'S TIME" to build. The environmental impact statements have always given this project a green light. We, as citizens are always being told by Washington to consider the science. The science says this pipeline should be built because it is safe, efficient and environmentally friendly.

This pipeline represents jobs and a stable future for Prairie County and her citizens. The pipeline will bring to Prairie County a larger, stronger tax base that will secure our future for decades to come. Age wise Prairie County is the oldest county in our state and 6th oldest in the nation. This pipeline will secure our elderly in their own homes because our tax base would increase leaving those citizens better able to live on Social Security. The pumping station, number 13, will enable our regional REA to increase sales significantly, stabilizing them for a secure future.

Our small county always struggles to make our limited tax dollars stretch to provide statutory services to our citizens. Inflation eats away at the funds we budget each year. Health insurance, road graders and a good health department for our aging citizens are to name just a few of the challenges. Every citizen I've spoken to, which is a vast majority, ALL desire this pipeline to be built.

TransCanada represents a stable and secure future for Prairie County and our Great nation.

Dennis Teske

Prairie County Commissioner

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# ROSEBUD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Robert E. Lee, Member  
Douglas D. Martens, Member  
Ed Joiner, Member

To Whom it May Concern:

Rosebud County Commissioners are in full support of the Keystone XL pipeline. While the pipeline does not go through Rosebud County, we will feel a positive impact from the project. Every Montana student, Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, will benefit from the pipeline due to the ninety-five (95) mills paid to the State school levy. Pipelines are taxed at twelve percent compared to 1.35% on residential. Most of the counties that the pipeline goes through are poorer counties with a low mill value. This pipeline will help them provide essential services to their residents. For example, Carter County's mill value in FY2010 was \$6,715. In FY2020, after pipelines were put in Carter County, the value of a mill went to \$43,741. With the increase in mill value, they recently passed a \$1.5 million dollar bond to finance a new hospital for their community.

The Keystone XL pipeline will carry over 600,000 barrels of Canadian and American oil per day. A semitrailer will carry 200 barrels. It would take 3,000 semi loads per day to equal what the pipeline will carry per day. Figuring a sixty-foot semi with a trailer, that is thirty-four miles of bumper to bumper semis. If you figure 120 feet between rigs, that would make a convoy 102 miles long or from Forsyth to Billings. Oil can be transported by pipeline, train or over the road in trucks. Which is the safest and most environment friendly? PIPELINES. Trains and trucks burn diesel fuel which causes carbon dioxide and climate change. Pipelines pump with electricity. There is also a risk of derailments and accidents with trains and trucks which can kill people and destroy property. Pipelines can break, but that is rare. Most breaks are from old pipelines. The Keystone XL pipeline will use the most current and best technology available.

Another concern is, do we want to rely on our oil coming from a volatile Middle East or our friendly neighbor to the north? We do not want to send our sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, husbands and wives to the Middle East to die for oil.


We encourage the Biden administration to support the Keystone XL pipeline. It is good for Montana and it is good for the United States of America.

Sincerely

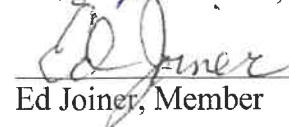
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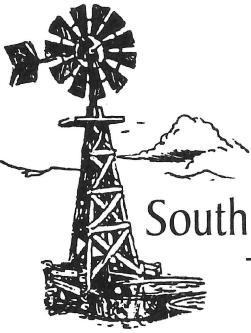
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## SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation

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December 6, 2020

The Honorable, Steve Daines  
US Senator  
222 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Billings, MT 59101

**RE: Letter of Support – Continuation of the Keystone XL Pipeline**

Dear Senator Daines:

As the Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development (SEMDC), I would like to express again my strong and continued support for the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

SEMDC is a regional non-profit economic development group that was established in 1997 to stimulate and encourage economic activity in the four (4) Counties of Custer, Powder River, Rosebud and Treasure, Montana. Today, SEMDC works with the private, public, and non-profit sectors to help create and retain jobs in these counties. Our track record has documented over 1,097 jobs created or retained and over \$60 million dollars in project assistance since 1997. Since 2005, we have been designated by the State of Montana as a Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) and the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD).

Thus, I feel it is important to support the continuation of the Keystone XL Pipeline due to the following:

- A)** The continued construction of the pipeline would continue to be a major benefit, creating additional tax base for many rural counties and cities, most of which desperately need that additional revenue. Projections, at one time showed that the six (6) rural Montana counties involved with the pipeline would receive about \$60 million per year in new property taxes,
- B)** Importing oil from a trusted partner such as Canada, would ensure our national energy security and
- C)** It would bring numerous jobs and economic benefits to a much needed and economically challenged rural part of Montana. Politicians all speak about creating those "good and high paying jobs." Well, these are those "good and high paying jobs." Since all appropriate Safety, Environmental, Economic, and other National Interest Issues have adequately been addressed; **It's Time to Move Forward.**"

That is why SEMDC is strongly supporting the continuation of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Sincerely,

Jim Atchison  
Executive Director

# Montana State Senate



*The Treasure State*

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Montana U.S. Senator Daines  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

December 11, 2020

Dear Honorable Senator Daines,

As you know, the Keystone XL Pipeline Project is a tremendously important piece of infrastructure for the State Montana. At the time Montana was permitting the project, polling showed about 70% of Montanans supported it. And it is of particular importance to the rural eastern part of the state including for many of the 19,648 citizens in my State Senate District where the pipeline crosses the international border and enters the United States.

The ongoing property tax revenues to state and local governments, including schools, were estimated by the Montana Department of Revenue to exceed \$80 million annually. For our rural counties with struggling economies these significant revenues will provide a much needed lifeline. We will be able to provide a quality education to our children, maintain our roads for farmers and ranchers to get there agricultural products to market and preserve public safety services for our rural communities.

This privately funded infrastructure project will support an estimated 3,500 well-paying construction jobs, many of them union jobs. Not only will the union construction jobs be

of tremendous benefit to our communities and our state, but local businesses will have an opportunity to provide products and services such as gravel, water, food and accommodations to the project contractors.


When the pipeline is operational, its pump stations will receive power from our local electric cooperatives. The purchase of their power will allow the cooperatives to spread their fixed costs to a large user thus keeping their current customers bills affordable.

The pipeline has been thoroughly studied by Montana and Federal agencies. They have imposed conditions that will make it the safest and most advanced pipeline of the 89 pipelines crossing waterbodies in Montana. It will pass under the state's navigable rivers at a depth only exceeded by one other pipeline in the state.

Our state and federal governments have given approval to construct the Keystone XL Pipeline. The owner of the project has agreed, in good faith, to comply with each condition our governments and the courts have established over the last 12 years for building and operating the pipeline.

The construction of the approved project has commenced. Now it's time for us to stand by our word and support completion of the project. It's the right thing for our state and federal governments to do.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

State Senator Mike Lang

Senate District 17

PO Box 104, Malta, Montana



## **Valley County**

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Mary Armstrong, Member

September 3, 2020

Senator Daines  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Daines,

We are writing on behalf of the citizens of Valley County, Montana, the vast majority of whom are strongly in support of construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. It is a significant benefit to Valley County for its positive socioeconomic impact, and its environmental footprint and risk reduction associated with oil transportation. Valley County has the largest pipeline footprint on the proposed route. The Northern Border gas pipeline has operated in Valley County, with a similar size footprint, since 1982 with no negative environmental impact.

Increased property tax revenues from the XL Pipeline will have a major economic boost to Valley County. Property tax revenues will increase about 50% (over \$7 million) in Valley County with construction of the XL pipeline. The majority of the tax revenues will provide critical support to the impacted school districts. About \$1 million will come to Valley County directly to support County services; this represents 20% of our current tax revenues.

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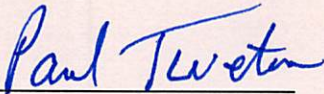
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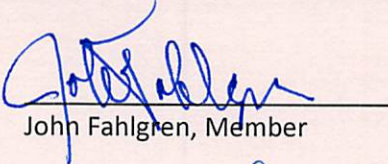
TC Energy has been an active and extremely positive community partner, contributing over \$100,000 in the last few years to community programs for first responders, educational programs, community needs and environmental stewardship. We are confident that they will continue to be an outstanding community member.

We urge you to move forward with this important infrastructure project for Valley County, the State of Montana, and for our nation.

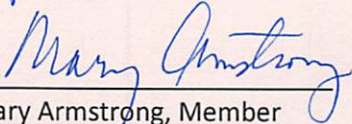
Sincerely,



Paul Tweten, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners



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November 23, 2020

Honorable Senator Steve Daines,

Yellowstone County is the home of 3 oil refineries, and they continue to provide our community with high paying jobs, and a solid tax base for our citizens.

As a member of the Montana Association of Counties Energy Committee, and the National Association of Counties Environment, Energy and Land Use committee, I support the continued development of the Keystone XL Pipeline project, which as you know, will enormously benefit Montana in multi-faceted ways. Thousands of high paying jobs will be created, millions in property and income taxes will be generated, and our nation's energy security will continue to prosper.

Please continue to support and promote the advancement of this project and the benefits that it will provide to the people of our State, and for the stability of the United States of America.

Thank you for your service to our nation, and please feel free to contact me at any time for additional information or support in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denis Pitman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Denis Pitman, Chairman  
Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners