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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Trans-Canada Keystone Pipeline that will run through eastern ND including my legislative district. I believe this is a very good thing for ND and all the communities through which this pipeline runs. The need for ND to find ways to export our energy is very real. We have an abundance of coal, oil, biofuels, and wind, all of which must be exported in order for ND and the nation to benefit from them. I realize this particular pipeline may not carry much ND oil, at least at the start, but we are part of a North American energy link. We need to cooperate with all of our neighbors on all sides in order for us to expect them to cooperate with us. This is much larger than just ND or even the US. It is vital to the whole North American continent. Our need for achieving energy independence from unfriendly sources half way around the world needs to move forward as quickly as possible. I see this pipeline as just the first step in helping to achieve this goal. It is one of many pipelines and transmission lines that I believe will be built through ND in the near future.

I see this pipeline as an economic engine to our job-starved area, as well. The money generated in land taxes and the jobs created in the construction, operation, and maintenance of this pipeline will help our schools, townships and counties in eastern ND. Our declining enrollment in schools and the exodus from rural communities and counties has to stop. This pipeline should help, I believe.

I strongly urge you to approve this pipeline and let it proceed without further delay. If you have further questions I would be happy to try to answer them or provide more information to you.

Sincerely,

Rep. David Monson
District 10 State Representative

Tony,

I sent an e-mail to this effect to jhm@oracle.psc.state.nd.us
This is just kind of a backup. Thanks!

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