



Premier of Alberta

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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you to express my profound disappointment on the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline and the lack of federal response to our repeated requests for your personal intervention with the incoming Administration. By retroactively revoking the Presidential permit for this project without taking the time to discuss it with their longest standing ally, the United States is setting a deeply disturbing precedent for any future projects and collaboration between our two nations. The fact that it was a campaign promise makes it no less offensive. Our country has never surrendered our vital economic interests because a foreign government campaigned against them.

Alberta had sought your assistance in ensuring that then President-elect Biden would be fully informed of the important changes in the Keystone XL project in recent years, before making any decisions on the project. Keystone XL is not the same project he previously opposed. Union labor is critical to Keystone XL, with the creation of more than 15,000 high-paying union jobs across the United States, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Keystone XL will be the first pipeline of its kind to operate at net-zero emissions on its first day of operations and will purchase 100 percent of its power load from renewable energy sources, which means building approximately 1,600 megawatts of new renewable energy infrastructure, making this venture one of the largest privately-backed commitments to renewable energy in the world. TC Energy has also reached an historic equity ownership agreement with a coalition of five First Nations in Canada, providing them meaningful input on the project while creating hundreds of millions of dollars in economic opportunity for these communities. Similar agreements are expected in the United States.

We must find a path to a reconsideration of Keystone XL within the context of a broader North American energy and climate agreement. As you have said yourself, Keystone XL is included in Canada's climate plans. Canada and US share a highly integrated energy system, including criss-crossing infrastructure such as pipelines and electricity transmission systems. Our energy and climate goals must be viewed in the context of that integrated system, and it is in our mutual interest to develop an agreement that will