



**FALL RIVER COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURTHOUSE
906 NORTH RIVER ST
HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA 57747
PHONE: (605) 745-5130 FAX: (605) 745-6835**

February 4, 2021

Senator John Thune
Dirksen Senate Office Building, 511
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mike Rounds
Hart Senate Office Building, 502
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Dusty Johnson
1714 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Kristi Noem
South Dakota Office of the Governor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Sirs and Madam,

The Fall River County Board of Commissioners strongly encourage your support for the completion of a critical American infrastructure project: Keystone XL.

By supporting domestic production and importing oil from our ally Canada instead of politically unstable countries, we will strengthen both our national security and energy security. The project will also drive incredible economic growth in the United States. At a time when the U.S. economy is tougher than ever for businesses, we feel impassioned to share with you just how vital Keystone XL is to the current and future success our local economy and in the lives of the citizens in South Dakota.

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 will benefit exponentially from the big economic lift that Keystone XL brings with it. Fall River County believes that the Department of State has thoroughly analyzed the project's environmental impact and that the Final EIS properly concludes that there are no substantial environmental

concerns that should prohibit this project from moving forward. Keystone XL will be constructed using industry best practices and will meet or exceed all existing pipeline regulatory standards.

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.

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.

We are counting on you to support this project 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 our schools, hospitals and first responders at a time when this support is most needed.

Fall River County believes that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline is in the best interest of all Americans, and we strongly urge you to show your support for Keystone XL and help it progress in order to strengthen the future of our country.

Sincerely,

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Fall River County Commission

ARTICLE II: REGULATIONS

SECTIONS 2. NOISY DOGS

No person may allow any dog under his/her control to habitually make loud noises to disturb or annoy persons who are of ordinary sensibilities. This ordinance section does not apply to working farm or ranch dogs while performing that work which is their essential purpose as a working farm or ranch dog, including, but not necessarily limited to, herding livestock or protecting livestock from predators. To qualify for this exception the owner of the animal must provide sufficient evidence to qualify their animal for the exception. ~~and the land on which the animals are working must qualify as "agricultural land" pursuant to South Dakota code.~~

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fall River County Board of Commissioners will hold a hearing on February 4, 2021 at 9:55 a.m. to determine if the County shall continue contracting with owners of private roads within Fall River County for emergency maintenance. Maintenance of private roads by the County is authorized by S.D.C.L. 31-11-41 – 31-11-45.

This hearing will be held at the Courthouse in Hot Springs in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor. If you are unable to attend, written comments may be sent to the County Auditor at 906 N River Street, Hot Springs, SD 57747.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2021.

Sue Ganje
County Auditor
Fall River County

Please publish in the Herald on January 21 and January 28