



# Institute for 21st Century Energy

[Today, the Obama Administration denied the Keystone XL pipeline permit.](#)

For over seven years, the President has had the opportunity to put American workers and our nation's security first. **But once again, President Obama chose politics over the best interests of the country**, even ignoring the State Department's numerous studies, which confirmed that **there was no sound environmental reason to delay the Keystone XL Pipeline project.**



Rejecting the Keystone XL Pipeline also breaks two promises the President made: to put jobs and growth first, and to seek bipartisan solutions.

## **LOST: Jobs and Economic Growth**

- The Keystone XL Pipeline project would have created **42,000 new jobs** for American workers during construction, **putting \$2.2 billion in workers' pockets.**
- The Keystone XL Pipeline would have contributed **\$3.4 billion to U.S. GDP.**

## **IGNORED: Bipartisan Solutions**

- Congress voted 10 times on legislation in support of the President granting the construction permit. **Yet despite bipartisan support, he still vetoed the legislation.**
- **57% of Americans support the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline.**

**In playing politics with the Keystone XL Pipeline, the President also overlooked two very serious concerns: our infrastructure needs and energy security for the next several decades.**

## **OVERLOOKED: U.S. Infrastructure Needs and Energy Security**

- The American energy revolution faces an infrastructure problem. The Keystone XL Pipeline would have helped solve this problem **by moving up to 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil from North Dakota.**
- The Keystone XL Pipeline would have provided us with energy from a friendly neighbor -- energy essential to fueling our economy.
- **Every barrel of oil imported from Canada, via the Keystone XL Pipeline, would have reduced our dependency on oil from unfriendly nations.**

It's impossible to view this administration as anything but a massive failure on energy, and the rejection of the Keystone XL Pipeline is yet another nail in the coffin for North American energy development.

**It's time to tell President Obama: Enough is enough.** We need a forward-thinking energy policy that will take advantage of American innovation and our abundant energy resources so we can grow our economy and get Americans working again.