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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act.

Manufacturers support policies that expand energy supplies and lower costs for U.S. consumers and manufacturers, which use nearly one-third of our nation's energy. Access to competitively priced energy helps companies compete in the global economy and preserves high-paying jobs here at home.

In September 2008, TransCanada applied for a permit to build a new pipeline — the Keystone XL — that would transport oil from oil sands in Canada to U.S. refineries on the Gulf Coast. After nearly three years, two State Department studies and 208,000 public comments, the Environmental Protection Agency is recommending more studies and more delays, placing the permit's fate in limbo for the foreseeable future.

TransCanada estimates that building the Keystone XL will result in:

- More than \$20 billion in investment (\$13 billion from TransCanada);
- More than 118,000 "spin-off" jobs during construction;
- 13,000 new American jobs in construction and related manufacturing;
- \$5.2 billion in property taxes over the life of the pipeline; and
- \$600 million in new state and local tax revenues.

Every day permits are delayed, American jobs are lost and American manufacturers and their employees suffer. H.R. 1938 would prevent further delays by requiring the Administration to deny or grant a presidential permit by November 1, 2011.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 1938, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 112th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote