Leaders across the political spectrum are talking about the need for a strong domestic manufacturing economy -- and for good reason. Manufacturing has the highest multiplier effect of any other sector of our economy. In the case of the Keystone XL pipeline and the unending quest to obtain a permit, the United States certainly does not look like a place that is serious about creating jobs through manufacturing. Keystone XL is an example of Washington holding both manufacturing and the economy back.

The Keystone XL Pipeline will create jobs across the construction and manufacturing supply chain, enhance our nation's energy security and create significant economic value. It has strong support from a strong majority of stakeholders and national polls show support for Keystone XL to be over 65 percent. It has met and in many cases exceeded the environmental conditions placed upon it. Infrastructure projects like the Keystone XL Pipeline will play an important role in getting our economy on track. When projects of this magnitude are undertaken, the economic impacts are substantial, invigorating a supply chain that touches hundreds of companies of all sizes and all manufacturing sectors throughout the country. It is time to move forward and build. Manufacturers call on the Department of State to find that Keystone XL is in the national interest and promptly issue a Presidential Permit so that the project may commence construction.

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