Washington, D.C., November 6, 2015 – Jay Timmons, president and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers, which represents more than 12 million men and women who make things in the United States, and Terry O’Sullivan, general president of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, which represents nearly 400 local union chapters in the United States and Canada, issued the following joint statement on President Obama’s decision to deny authorization of the Keystone XL pipeline:

“Proving politics is more important to this White House than American jobs, President Obama today killed the opportunity to create thousands of long-term jobs and advance North American energy security. After years of holding this project hostage by delaying a decision on the Keystone XL pipeline, the President turned his back on hardworking Americans, who overwhelmingly support the pipeline. Manufacturers, all workers and all Americans deserve far better than to be treated so poorly.”

For more information on our manufacturing priorities, visit our website (/Issues/Energy-and-Environment/Keystone-XL/Keystone-XL-Pipeline/).

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