The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Leader Reid and Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), we urge immediate approval of S. 2280, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, during the lame-duck session. New infrastructure such as Keystone XL will support business growth and the revitalization of U.S. manufacturing.

American chemistry is undergoing an historic expansion due to plentiful and affordable supplies of natural gas. More than $125 billion in new chemical industry investment is planned for the U.S. – projects that could add 407,000 permanent new jobs by 2023. Pipelines are vital to the resurgence, helping to get natural gas liquids such as ethane, which chemical makers use as a feedstock, to facilities around the country. For example, the recently completed Appalachia-to-Texas Express pipeline transports 66 thousand barrels of ethane per day.

Likewise, Keystone XL is an example of new energy infrastructure that will enable American businesses and manufacturers of all kinds to create jobs. It will bring more than 800,000 barrels of oil per day to U.S. refineries, improving energy security while spurring economic growth. We look forward to working with you to expedite passage of this bipartisan legislation.

Sincerely,

Cal Dooley