

Letter 1: Handwritten letter template: Copy the letter below, pick and choose the paragraphs you want to include, or write your own. Sign it and mail it to:

Secretary John Kerry
U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Energy Resources, Room 4843
Attn: Keystone XL Public Comments
2201 C Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20520

When the letter is in the mail, let us know by clicking here:

http://www.350siliconvalley.org/keystone_xl_comment_drive_march_2014.

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Your name and address here

Date

Dear Secretary Kerry,

I am writing to you today as a deeply concerned citizen to urge you in the strongest terms to reject the Keystone XL tar sands Pipeline. The pipeline is not in the US national interest, it is not in the interest of future generations who will be impacted by catastrophic climate change.

The Keystone XL pipeline would transport the dirtiest form of crude oil on the planet, the very crude we cannot afford to burn if we are to keep this planet livable for our kids and future generations. James Hansen, the nation's foremost climate scientist, says that fully exploiting Canada's tar sands is not compatible with staying within the 2 degrees C global warming limit.

Climate change is already happening and we need to avoid making it worse; we must not extract and burn this dirty fuel. Scientists agree that we must leave 66 to 80 percent of known fossil fuel reserves in the ground to have a chance at maintaining a safe climate.

The Environmental Impact Statement is flawed: if tar sands would find their way to global markets anyway, with or without the pipeline, why are Canada and Big Oil fighting so hard to get it built? The reality is that they will ship some oil by rail anyway; the pipeline would enable the shipping of additional crude, and therefore the expansion of tar sands exploitation in Canada.

Keystone XL is the wrong type of investment: it is a long-term infrastructure project which would commit the world to 830,000 barrels of tar sands crude shipped daily for the next 50 years. Instead, we need to invest in electric vehicles, fuel efficiency and low-carbon fuels.

For the sake of future generations, I urge you to reject the Keystone XL pipeline.

Yours Sincerely,

Letter 2: Ready-to-send-letter:

If you don't have time to handwrite your own letter, you can send our form letter:

1. Print out the letter on the next page.
2. Add your address
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