

Key talking points for the North American Energy Security Act Lugar-Hoeven-Vitter

Job creation and economic growth

- ✓ KXL is the largest infrastructure project ready for construction in the U.S. and is privately funded – requiring no new spending. The \$7 billion price tag will support jobs in the U.S. and create demand for U.S. products.
- ✓ KXL will create 20,000 new jobs directly and support hundreds of thousands of jobs in coming years.
- ✓ More than 1,400 companies across the U.S. sell their products and services for oil sands work. Keystone XL will lead to more economic activity.
- ✓ Canada is the United States' #1 trading partner. In 2010, two-way trade in goods and services between the U.S. and Canada was more than \$640 billion. Each day, \$1.7 billion worth of goods and services traverse the Canada-U.S. border

Boost national security and energy security

- ✓ Canada is the most reliable and secure oil supplier for Americans outside the U.S. The real foreign alternatives to oil sands are from volatile nations like Venezuela.
- ✓ Keystone XL will encourage greater oil production in the Bakken areas of North Dakota and Montana. Trade with Canada complements an “all of the above” domestic energy strategy: more domestic oil, more alternative fuels, more auto innovation
- ✓ Global demand for oil will continue to increase dramatically, meaning that the oil sands will be produced. The question is whether Americans will directly benefit or if the oil will be exported to Asia, primarily China.
- ✓ Canada is one of America's top allies in meeting security threats around the world. Oil sands production is a major economic engine for Canada and the government supports KXL.
- ✓ America's foreign policy must not be dictated by the EPA, which opposes KXL.

Obama puts politics before nation

- ✓ The Obama Administration put its electoral politics ahead of the national interest by putting off a decision on KXL until after the election. The State Department conducted more than 3 years of rigorous analysis and was widely expected to approve KXL by the end of this year – before the White House came under environmentalist pressure.
- ✓ The Obama Administration has put environmentalists ahead of America's workers. As one example, KXL is supported by several major unions: United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the U.S. & Canada, International Union of Operating Engineers, Laborers' International Union of North America, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO.