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6 *Whereas, New technology and newly accessible reserves*
7 *have positioned the United States to become a global leader*
8 *in oil and natural gas production. The new energy*
9 *development has become a catalyst for economic growth,*
10 *bringing affordable energy, jobs, revenues and an*
11 *accompanying resurgence of manufacturing. The U.S. crude*
12 *oil and natural gas industry contributes more than \$1 trillion*
13 *annually to the U.S. economy, or more than 7 percent of the*
14 *U.S. gross domestic product, and it supports more than 9*
15 *million jobs;*

16 *Whereas, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second*
17 *only to Saudi Arabia. Canada is currently the largest*
18 *supplier of the United States' imported oil. Canada sends*
19 *more than 99 percent of its oil exports to the United States,*
20 *the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries. The same*
21 *money used to buy Canadian oil will likely be spent directly*
22 *on U.S. goods and services, in contrast to the money sent to*
23 *hostile governments later used to further anti-democratic*
24 *agendas;*



1 *Whereas, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes*
2 *sense for the United States. Canada is a trusted neighbor*
3 *with a stable democratic government, strong environmental*
4 *standards equal to that of the U.S., and some of the most*
5 *stringent human rights and worker protection laws in the*
6 *world;*

7 *Whereas, The growing production of conflict-free oil*
8 *from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken formation in*
9 *Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota*
10 *can replace crude imported from countries that do not share*
11 *American values;*

12 *Whereas, The new North American opportunities are*
13 *providing the U.S. government with a historic opportunity to*
14 *dramatically enhance national energy security and*
15 *affordability when America needs it most;*

16 *Whereas, A secure supply of oil and natural gas is not*
17 *only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes,*
18 *cook their food, and drive their vehicles, but to allow the U.S.*
19 *economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats*
20 *and disruptions of crude oil supply from less secure parts of*
21 *the world. The United States will need more oil and gas,*
22 *while also requiring additional alternative energy sources to*
23 *fuel our economy;*

24 *Whereas, Worldwide competition for oil and natural gas*
25 *will increase as third world countries' economies and*
26 *population continue to grow at astonishing rates;*

27 *Whereas, Oil companies are investing huge sums to*
28 *expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere*
29 *to make gasoline and other refined products from Canadian*
30 *oil;*

31 *Whereas, Pipelines are the safest method for the*
32 *transportation of petroleum products when compared to*
33 *other methods of transportation. Keystone XL pipeline*



1 *project will replace the equivalent of a tanker train 25 miles*
 2 *long, or 200 ocean tankers per year. This will reduce*
 3 *greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 19 million tons, or*
 4 *the equivalent of taking almost 4 million cars off the road;*

5 *Whereas, The Gulf Coast Pipeline Project is a \$2.3*
 6 *billion project that will create approximately 4,000*
 7 *construction jobs. Keystone XL project will create*
 8 *approximately 9,000 construction jobs. Combined, they*
 9 *support yet another 7,000 manufacturing jobs. Seventy-five*
 10 *percent of the pipe used to build Keystone XL in the U.S. will*
 11 *come from North American mills, including half made by*
 12 *U.S. workers. Goods for the pipeline valued at approximately*
 13 *\$800 million have already been sourced from U.S.*
 14 *manufacturers;*

15 *Whereas, Eighty-seven percent of technically recoverable*
 16 *oil and natural gas resources on federal offshore acreage is*
 17 *off limits to development due to government policy; and*

18 *Whereas, The United States could be 100 percent energy*
 19 *independent for liquid fuels by 2025 if the federal*
 20 *government opened access to areas currently off limits and*
 21 *partnered with Canada to maximize its oil sands: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
 25 President and Congress to support the continued and increased
 26 importation of oil derived from Canadian oil sands.

27 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
 28 President and Congress to grasp the opportunity to make North
 29 America energy independent by ensuring America's tax, regulatory and
 30 access policies support developing our natural resources safely and
 31 responsibly.



1 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the U.S.
2 Secretary of State to approve the newly-routed pipeline application
3 from TransCanada to reduce dependence on unstable governments,
4 improve our national security, and strengthen ties with an important
5 ally.

