

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

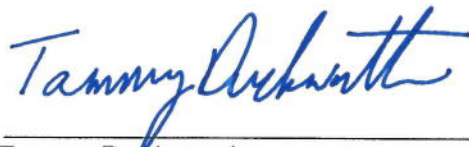
On January 24, 2017, you issued a Presidential Memorandum to the Secretary of Commerce directing the Secretary to “develop a plan under which all new pipelines, as well as retrofitted, repaired, or expanded pipelines, inside the borders of the United States, including portions of pipelines, use materials and equipment produced in the United States, to the maximum extent possible and to the extent permitted by law.”

As champions of expanding Buy American requirements to make sure taxpayer-supported projects contract with American companies to the greatest extent possible, we were initially encouraged by this memorandum. We were disappointed, however, when we learned that your Administration would exempt the Keystone XL pipeline project from this Buy American policy.

Your memorandum explicitly covers new and expanded pipeline projects so we were confused and disappointed to learn that the Keystone XL pipeline would not be required to use 100 percent American-made steel. Further, we are deeply concerned that by allowing this Canadian firm to use foreign steel from countries like India and Italy, which have a history of dumping steel products in the U.S. market at unfair, illegal prices, you are establishing a precedent that will have the effect of costing U.S. jobs and undermining the spirit of your Presidential Memorandum.

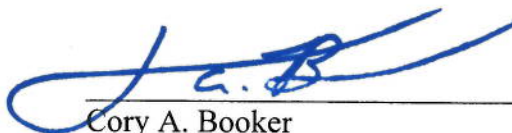
Accordingly, we request that you reconsider your decision to allow a foreign company to use foreign steel in the Keystone XL pipeline, and urge you to secure a firm commitment to source 100 percent American-made steel for this project. Doing so would be a strong statement of support for American manufacturers and the hard working women and men who fuel our national economy.

Sincerely,



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Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator




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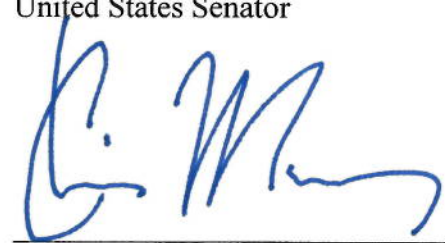
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