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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 8, 2014

Secretary John Kerry  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry,

I write to express my serious concern regarding the Department of State's approval of Enbridge Corporation's attempt to bypass review for its expansion of the Alberta Clipper tar sands pipeline. I request that you reverse this decision and require Enbridge to complete the ongoing environmental review and permitting process for Alberta Clipper.

In November of 2012, Enbridge applied to increase the capacity of Alberta Clipper from 450,000 barrels per day to 800,000 barrels per day. In accordance with the law, the State Department concluded that this proposal needed a new Presidential Permit and a new Environmental Impact Statement, a review that is currently underway.

I and many of my constituents are deeply troubled by recently released documents showing that the State Department has agreed to Enbridge's proposal to bypass this review by temporarily switching the flow of tar sands on two parallel lines that cross the border. This decision occurred behind closed doors and with no public process.

Transporting tar sands through pipelines presents serious risks, as we saw with the recent Kalamazoo River spill, the largest and costliest inland spill in U.S. history. The Alberta Clipper expansion would lead to higher pipeline pressure, which would also increase the risk of spills. Such impacts must be thoroughly examined before nearly doubling the flow of tar sands on a pipeline that cuts through many Minnesota communities, as well as valuable lakes and watersheds.

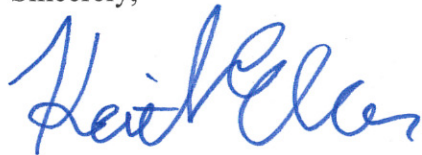
By allowing Enbridge to achieve the same increase in Alberta Clipper capacity by temporarily transferring tar sands at the border crossing to Line 3 – a pipeline that has never carried tar sands, especially at the high volume and pressure intended by Enbridge – the State Department has subverted its permitting and review process. It is critical that any expansion of transboundary

capacity be subject to a national interest determination and a new environmental review *prior* to any approval.

I am grateful for your longstanding leadership on the issue of climate change, and commend the Administration's broader efforts to combat the looming climate crisis. In June of 2013, the President made clear that the Keystone XL pipeline would not be in the national interest if it was found to "significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution." I believe all tar sands projects should be held to this same "climate test." By facilitating more development of one of the most carbon-intensive fuels on the planet, I also believe that the proposed Alberta Clipper expansion would fail this climate test.

The State Department's actions here raise serious legal questions, are not in the public's interest, and run counter to the President's laudable commitment to combating climate change. I respectfully request that this decision be reversed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Klum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Klum".