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The Honorable Gene Green
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Green:

The National Construction Alliance II supports your transboundary permitting legislation for energy infrastructure. We sincerely appreciate your effort to bring some rationality and clarity to the permit processes for energy-infrastructure projects that cross the border with Canada and Mexico. Thank you for your leadership and thoughtfulness on this critical issue.

The National Construction Alliance II – a partnership between two of the nation's largest construction unions, the International Union of Operating Engineers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America – represents nearly one-million workers, many of whom build the nation's energy infrastructure.

Bringing certainty to the permitting process for cross-border projects is essential as the continent more closely integrates its energy supplies. The growth in natural gas development alone justifies congressional involvement to clarify the permit process for pipelines that move this valuable commodity between countries. Doubt and confusion constrain investment in the nation's energy infrastructure, weakening the economy, job growth, and tax revenue. That confusion that could be rectified by your legislation, which is designed to do the following:

- Implement a fair and standardized approval process for oil pipelines, natural gas pipelines and electric transmission lines that cross U.S. borders.
- Eliminate the legal uncertainty for this federal permit authority, which relies solely on broad constitutional authority and multiple Executive Orders.
- Bring certainty to the federal regulatory process for modifications and changes in ownership to existing projects.
- Institute a policy that provides a rebuttable presumption in favor of approving oil and natural gas pipelines and electric transmission lines that would cross U.S. borders.

The National Construction Alliance II looks forward to working with you and the bipartisan cosponsors of the bill to enact this legislation into law in the 113th Congress.

Thank you again for your leadership on this vital legislation.

Sincerely,

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