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TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline
7505 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway
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Kansas City, MO 64153

To Whom It May Concern:

Black Hills Council of Local Governments is a regional planning and community development organization covering the counties of Bennett, Butte, Custer, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington and Fall River. The proposed TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline will be crossing four (4) of our member counties: Harding, Butte, Meade and Pennington County. While the project is only crossing four (4) counties in our district, it will have a significant impact on the region.

The project will have a major economic impact to western South Dakota during the construction phase through employment opportunities and the purchase of goods and service that will influence local sale tax revenues. In addition, the project will provide long-term property tax revenue to counties, schools and other local entities. We encourage the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline to support local communities and companies when making location selections and purchasing services and goods.

Based on the potential impact of the project to our region, this letter is to indicate support by the Black Hill Council of Local Governments for the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline project which will further the goals of our organization to provide a vibrant economic environment in the region.

If you have question, please contact me at 605-394-2681.

Sincerely,

Blaise Emerson
Executive Director