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# Minnesota House of Representatives

TO: President Joe Biden

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20500

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Dear President Biden,

In light of recent events in Europe and the likelihood that it will have significant impacts on the global energy supply and cost, we are urging your administration to recommit to pursuing a policy of energy independence here at home. This would include opening the Keystone XL pipeline and maximizing opportunities to increase oil production on American soil.

Media reports indicate that the United States currently imports 595,000 barrels of oil per day from Russia. The Keystone XL pipeline would produce 830,000 barrels per day. Relying on hostile nations like Russia for the important commodities that power our national economy is a strategic mistake that leaves America and the free world uniquely vulnerable.

In addition to increasing American oil production and approving the Keystone XL pipeline, we urge you to reconsider your administration's decision to cancel mineral leases here in Minnesota. With Russia on the move and China's threats to Taiwan growing stronger, it is critical that we source important metals and minerals needed for the economy of the future right here in Minnesota.

Minnesota has abundant deposits of copper, nickel, and other precious metals that are needed for the production of technology like cellphones, batteries, and computer microchips. As with oil, it would be foolish to rely on hostile nations for these materials when we have the capability to produce them right here in America. We can take proactive steps now that will mitigate Chinese influence over our economy in the future.

Now, more than ever, it is important that America pursues energy independence. Relying on hostile nations like Russia and China for critical materials needed for the American economy to function puts our nation, and other peace-loving nations, at risk. We urge you to unleash the American energy and mining sectors so that we can once again be the global leader in procuring these important commodities.

Sincerely,

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