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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

I write today to request that the Department of State conduct a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the Keystone XL pipeline Draft Environmental Impact Statement. As you know, several court cases have established that "the existence of reasonable but unexamined alternatives renders an EIS inadequate." Additionally, NEPA law, as well as Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, requires EISs to rigorously explore and objectively evaluate a full spectrum of reasonable and feasible alternatives.

I believe that the Department of State has not yet sufficiently analyzed alternative pipeline routes and associated environmental concerns. Thus, I respectfully request that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement examine at a minimum: (1) additional pipeline entry points into the United States and consider a route that would run parallel to the existing Keystone pipeline route; (2) any potential environmental benefit to a route that avoids the Sandhills region; and (3) any environmental significance of soil composition.

I, along with many Nebraskans, remain concerned that the health of the Ogallala Aquifer may be unnecessarily put at risk by the current route proposed for the Keystone XL pipeline. Conducting a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement will increase the transparency of the environmental review process by providing a formal avenue to assess and respond to remaining concerns.

I appreciate your consideration of my request for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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