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Congressman Bruce Braley  
310 3rd Street SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

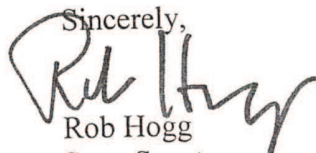
Dear Congressman Braley:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. There are many reasons to oppose the pipeline, but today I am focused on the use of eminent domain or condemnation for the project.

This pipeline threatens literally thousands of American farms and ranches. In 2012, I had the opportunity to meet and listen to a Nebraska farmer, Randy Thompson, whose land was threatened by Keystone. Although the oil companies decided to change their route, Mr. Thompson continues to fight the proposal. As he pointed out, this project is not in the public interest because there will be no spigot in Nebraska. Making Americans give up their land for a pipeline that threatens their water – so that oil companies can make more money by selling on the global market – is wrong.

It is not in America's national interests to allow a foreign oil company to condemn American farms and ranches to take foreign oil to the Gulf Coast for sale on the global market. The Keystone pipeline threatens America's land, water, and wildlife – Congress should say no, the State Department should say no, and President Obama should say no.

Thank you for considering my thoughts as you consider this issue.

Sincerely,  
  
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