

## **Lawmakers React to President Biden's Executive Order on Keystone XL**

Many U.S. lawmakers were unhappy with President Biden's executive order revoking the Keystone XL pipeline's permit, arguing that the move not only hampers job growth and economic recovery in their states, but hurts the country's energy independence.

### **Governor Greg Gianforte (R-MT)**

*"A symbolic gesture for your fledgling, hours-old administration, this decision has real and devastating consequences in Montana. With your executive order, gone are the thousands of good-paying American jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to support our local communities and schools, the opportunity to advance America's green energy infrastructure and America's energy security."*

- Letter to President Biden, via [Twitter](#)

### **Governor Pete Ricketts (R-NE)**

*"Failure to construct the pipeline would mean more dependence on overseas energy sources as well as fewer jobs and less property tax relief for Nebraskans. This is a project that would greatly benefit not just Nebraska but also our whole country, and it is our hope that TC Energy presses forward."*

- via [statement](#)

### **Governor Mike Dunleavy (R-AK)**

*"When you stop projects like this that would bring cheap energy to America, you're going to hurt poor people first... So this transformation, this idea that you stop oil lines or gas lines, coal, etc., is somehow going to help people, it's really not in the end because it's going to be the poor that suffer the most."*

- via a [Fox Business](#) appearance

### **Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)**

*"The day-one priority was to kill thousands of American jobs including union jobs, disappoint our strong ally Canada, and reverse some of our progress toward energy security... This is a project that the liberal Canadian government and Prime Minister Trudeau support. An investment in North American energy."*

- via [press release](#)

### **Senator John Tester (D-MT)**

*"Senator Tester is encouraging the incoming Administration to meet with supporters and opponents of this project before making a decision on the permit... He continues to support the responsible development of the pipeline as long as it is constructed with American steel, built to the highest safety standards, respects private property rights and includes significant consultation with impacted Tribes."*

- via a spokesperson statement to the [Montana Free Press](#)

### **Senator Steve Daines (R-MT)**

*"It's only day one, and with the stroke of a pen, Biden has already taken steps to kill American energy projects like the Keystone XL Pipeline which is critical to energy producing states like Montana... This project will create thousands of jobs, generate tax revenue for local communities, promote North*

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*American energy security and independence, and it is the safest and most environmentally friendly way to transport oil. We must do all that we can to ensure construction moves forward.”*

- via [statement](#)

#### **Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)**

*“President Biden’s actions will not end our need for oil from our strongest ally, Canada. Instead, it will cost jobs, result in more shipments of oil by rail and make America even more vulnerable to OPEC and foreign adversaries, like Russia.”*

- via [statement](#)

#### **Senator John Thune (R-SD)**

*“Revoking permits for the Keystone XL Pipeline undercuts a serious infrastructure project, renewable energy growth, and rail relief for grain. This admin(istration) can’t ask for unity & bipartisanship one minute but continue to push bad left-wing policy the next.”*

- via [Twitter](#)

#### **Senator James Lankford (R-OK)**

*“Limiting access to an oil pipeline kills jobs and limits our energy supply. Kicking people who work in the energy sector on day-one may help progressive politics, but in Oklahoma, we know our jobs and livelihoods are next.”*

- via [statement](#)

#### **House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)**

*“I was disappointed to see within hours of assuming office the new administration was more interested... in virtue signals to the climate activists than supporting the union workers who were building the Keystone pipeline.”*

- Statement made in a press conference, via reporting in the [New York Post](#)

#### **House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA)**

*“President Biden just revoked the Keystone XL permit—this will destroy union jobs and undermine America’s energy security. This is more of the same failed Obama energy policies that left us dependent on oil from OPEC and increased energy prices for hardworking families.”*

- via [Twitter](#)

#### **Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)**

*“President Biden talked a lot about unity, then went to the White House and signed executive orders to block the Keystone XL Pipeline, stop deportations (even for criminals), and weaken border security. These divisive actions will only hurt our recovery.”*

- via [Twitter](#)

#### **Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD)**

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*“More than a decade ago, the Keystone XL pipeline received South Dakota permits. For years the applicant played by the rules & met its burden of proof to earn dozens of local, state, & federal permits. Rule of law needs to mean something in this country. This is a bad decision.”*

- via [Twitter](#)

**Congressmen Rodney Davis and Mike Bost (R-IL)**

*“President Biden’s executive order to halt construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and other environmental policies he’s pursuing will threaten energy and union jobs in Illinois and across the country. It’s unfortunate that on Day One of his presidency, President Biden opted to fulfill a campaign promise to left-wing environmental activists instead of supporting the American labor community and energy workers in a struggling economy.”*

- via joint [statement](#)

**Congressman Ken Buck (R-CO)**

*“We have been moving, in the last 4 years, toward energy independence. And it really has helped strengthened our economy. This move of canceling the pipeline is a really bad move for America.”*

- via CBS 4 Denver [interview](#)

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