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NDP's Keystone XL Opposition Fails Canadian Construction Workers

OTTAWA—The following statement was issued today by the International Union of Operating Engineers objecting to the New Democrat Party's Opposition Day motion on the Keystone XL pipeline:

"We are disappointed that the NDP has chosen to completely ignore the benefit of pipeline construction to working Canadians such as the members of the Operating Engineers union and other construction trades," said IUOE International Vice President and Ontario-based Local 793 Business Manager Michael Gallagher. "The Keystone XL project would be a net benefit to workers across Canada who depend on the resource sector and construction for their livelihoods. This hasty action by the NDP without consulting major stakeholders will jeopardize our economic recovery and jobs we had been hoping for."

From Washington, DC, IUOE General President James T. Callahan said, "Thousands of skilled construction jobs—jobs that feed families, pay mortgages, send kids to university—will be generated from building Keystone XL. If you are on the side of working people, then you should be for this project."

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) is a progressive, diversified trade union that primarily represents operating engineers who work as heavy equipment operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.