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RE: Permian Highway Pipeline Project

Mr. Kean:

As you may know, I represent many of the constituencies in Gillespie, Blanco, and Hays Counties that are being directly impacted by the Permian Highway Pipeline Project. I understand that there are currently no federal agencies involved in the regulation of this project. Nevertheless, I believe we have a collective responsibility to ensure that property rights are protected and balanced with Texas's need to develop the infrastructure necessary for a prosperous future.

I have heard from hundreds of Texans concerned with this pipeline and the process that has accompanied the project. Many who have reached out to me are property owners or have property near the determined pipeline route. The proposed path is full of rivers, historic sites such as chapels, old ranches, family cemeteries, as well as homes and many important businesses, including burgeoning vineyard and related tourism. Residents are concerned with the potential environmental impacts, the value of their land, the process the state allows to condemn private property, and the amount of input the property owners or local leaders had in the process.

Accordingly, in order to better understand the best course of action moving forward, I have several questions to which I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience so that I may be better informed about the current process and any future policy debates about this process.

1. Has Kinder Morgan worked with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers or any other federal agencies on the project? What studies and processes were directed or conducted by Kinder Morgan to determine the proposed route?
2. Does this project run parallel to, adjacent to, or otherwise along or near any existing pipeline easements? Were other routes considered? Why was this route chosen versus other possible routes?
3. What type of pipeline is being installed and what material will it carry when it begins operation? What materials is it capable of carrying? Are there any plans to change material in the future?
4. What environmental studies or surveys were conducted to ensure safety and minimal impact on nearby homes and businesses? What standards is Kinder Morgan following? Will Kinder Morgan or any of its affiliates responsible for the pipeline's development go beyond those standards? If so, in what way?

5. How many compressor stations are going to be located in Gillespie, Blanco and Hays Counties? How are the final locations determined?
6. What engineering safeguards (fiber optic cable, pressure monitoring systems, etc.) will be utilized along the pipeline and at compressor station sites to ensure safety and minimal impact on nearby homes and businesses?
7. Will the construction or installation of a pipeline threaten hydrologically or geologically sensitive areas in the region like the Edwards Aquifer? What steps has Kinder Morgan taken to ensure the safety of residents and to preserve our water supply?
8. At what point in the initial process were local governments and landowners made aware of the proposed route? What input did they have? How many public meetings and/or hearings have been held to discuss the project with these and other stakeholders?
9. How many land owners are being impacted? What types of landowners? Businesses?
10. How are payments determined and negotiated? What steps is Kinder Morgan taking to ensure a robust and fair value for the land being taken? Has Kinder Morgan been able to agree on easements with landowners without pursuing condemnation?
11. How many payments have been determined and how many are still being negotiated?
12. Has Kinder Morgan sought to appeal any decisions made by the special commissions designated to consider the value of the land and determine compensation?

Texas is blessed with abundant natural resources, and I fully support their development and production. Our State will require robust infrastructure to keep up with record global and domestic demands for affordable energy. My wife and I, like many Texans, are shareholders in a number of energy-related companies – including Kinder Morgan. We are unapologetic in our belief that we must have affordable, abundant energy supply – including natural gas. As a shareholder, a member of Congress, and a property-rights-loving Texan, I want our great state to have a strong process when condemnation is involved, and our environment and communities are impacted.

For these reasons, it is critical that Texans maintain confidence in the processes conducted to develop pipelines and other common carriers. I believe Texas can ensure property rights are protected and continue to lead the country in economic growth with energy at the forefront.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these matters and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,



Chip Roy  
Member of Congress