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State Senator Tommy Williams Slams Obama Administration On Keystone Pipeline Decision

Chairman of Texas Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee says the decision is "reckless" and "extremely harmful" to the U.S. and Texas economies

The Woodlands, TX - State Senator Tommy Williams says the Obama Administration's decision to reject the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline will have deep and lasting implications on Texas and the nation.

"Our national security is being undermined by the banning of the Keystone XL project, and is nothing short of reckless," Williams said. "China and India will now benefit from Canada's oil production and the United States will become even more dependent on foreign oil."

The impact of this decision is enormous. In Texas alone, the Keystone project was going to generate \$2.3 billion in new spending; create 50,300 person-years of employment; increase personal income by \$1.6 billion; produce \$48 million in new tax revenue and provide \$1.9 billion in our state's Gross Product.

For the country as a whole, the Keystone XL project would increase American's personal income by \$6.5 billion and stimulate billions of new spending all along the pipeline's route.

"Obama's decision to halt this project hits both the hard working and unemployed segment of our country in terms of jobs and lost economic benefits," noted Williams. "It's one more harmful and reckless decision we can't afford," stated Williams.

Senator Williams represents Senate District 4 covering all or portions of Jefferson, Orange, Chambers, Liberty, Harris and Montgomery Counties. Williams serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and as a member of the Finance, State Affairs, International Relations & Trade Committees and the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.

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