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Reacting to news reports that President Obama will reject the Keystone XL pipeline this afternoon, Oil Change International Executive Director Steve Kretzmann said:

"The President should be congratulated for listening to the many over the money and rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline. The American Petroleum Institute could not have been clearer two weeks ago in issuing its political threats aimed at President Obama. Big Oil clearly plans to continue its paid campaign of lies about jobs and energy security in order to obscure the true purpose of Keystone XL - which is to further fill Big Oil's pockets with profits.

We fully expect the oil industry's corrupt, paid puppets on Capitol Hill to try to resurrect this pipeline. Let them try. The louder they complain, the more obvious it is that Big Oil is the one pulling their strings. We will join 350.org and others on Capitol Hill next Tuesday to Blow the Whistle on Dirty Energy Money.

The notion that America can drill its way to energy independence is simply a scam. Oil is a global market and the industry knows that full well. The U.S. began the long but critical process of reducing its dependence on oil in 2008, and this Keystone XL rejection is another important step towards the real energy security that will only come with a reduced dependence on all oil."

Oil Change International is a research, communications, and advocacy organization focused on exposing the true costs of fossil fuels and facilitating the coming transition towards clean energy. OCI has published several reports regarding the export nature of the Keystone XL pipeline, including a new report jointly with NRDC today.

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