

## Message to the Senate Returning Without Approval the Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act February 24, 2015

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 1, the “Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act.” Through this bill, the United States Congress attempts to circumvent long-standing and proven processes for determining whether or not building and operating a cross-border pipeline serves the national interest.

The Presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously. But I also take seriously

my responsibility to the American people. And because this act of Congress conflicts with established executive branch procedures and cuts short thorough consideration of issues that could bear on our national interest—including our security, safety, and environment—it has earned my veto.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,  
February 24, 2015.

## Remarks and a Question-and-Answer Session at an MSNBC/Telemundo Immigration Town Hall in Miami, Florida February 25, 2015

*MSNBC and Telemundo News Anchor José Díaz-Balart.* Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.

It’s good to see you, Mr. President.

*The President.* It’s good to be with you, José.

*Mr. Díaz-Balart.* Thanks for being here at FIU. Really appreciate you being here with us.

*The President.* It is wonderful to be with the Golden Panthers.

*Mr. Díaz-Balart.* There you go!

Mr. President, let’s begin. It’s going to be a little bilingual at times, but you and I are used to that.

*The President.* I can handle that.

*Mr. Díaz-Balart.* Thanks.

*Immigration Reform/President’s Executive Actions on Immigration/U.S. District Court Opinion in Texas, et al. v. United States*

[*At this point, Mr. Díaz-Balart asked a question in Spanish, which he translated into English as follows.*]

Senator McConnell, on Tuesday, made an offer to break the Department of Homeland Security impasse. He wants to vote to fund

DHS through September and then separately vote to strip funding for your executive actions on immigration. As you know, it seems as if the Democrats are on board in the Senate. We’re 48 hours from the deadline. Republicans have a plan. Democrats seem to be on board. You’re waiting on a judge. Is that enough?

*The President.* Well, José, let me start by just talking generally about why immigration is so important and why we’ve got to fix a broken system.

We’ve had a system for a very long time that nobody is happy with. We know that businesses are being deprived of outstanding workers. We know that our agricultural sector that’s so dependent on immigrants is hurting because of uncertainty. We know that we should be deploying our resources and focusing it more on dealing with felons and national security issues with respect to our borders and not focusing on the mom who’s working someplace, looking after her kids and doing the right thing.

And for over 6 years, now, I’ve been calling on the Republicans to work with us to pass a comprehensive fix that would strengthen our borders, that would make sure that businesses