

# Keystone XL editorial lacks research

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[Re: "Obama Stalls on Keystone XL — Only politics holds up decision on oil pipeline," Tuesday Editorials.](#)

As I read your editorial on the Keystone XL pipeline, I thought about your December editorial on "the new reality of carbon emissions" and the need for a carbon tax. I was struck by how much research and thoughtfulness went into your editorial endorsing a carbon tax, praising Obama's efforts on climate despite Congress' failure to act, and observing that Congress seems to be last to understand the need to lower emissions.

I'm sorry I don't see the same thoughtfulness and research in your KXL editorial. Doesn't it worry you that Congress vehemently supports KXL? Doesn't it give you an inkling of doubt that Dr. James Hansen, world-renowned climate scientist and a major proponent of cutting emissions with a carbon tax, warns against building the KXL?

To quote you: "The nation deserves better than these short-sighted political games."

Please endorse a carbon tax, and tread carefully around all other climate-related decisions.

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