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Senator Bettencourt & 8 Other Colleagues Applaud President Trump's Executive Orders on Pipelines

President Trump signs two Executive Orders in Crosby, Texas to speed up pipeline production

CROSBY, TEXAS – Senator Bettencourt (R-Houston) applauded the decision by President Donald Trump to sign two Executive Orders today in Crosby which will make it easier for companies in the energy sector to navigate the permitting and construction process regarding pipeline construction. Senator Bettencourt along with Senator Birdwell (R-Granbury), Senator Creighton (R-Conroe), Senator Fallon (R-Prosper), Senator Flores (R-Pleasanton), Senator Hancock (R-North Richland Hills), Senator Taylor (R-Friendswood) and Senator Perry (R-Lubbock) attended the signing ceremony in Crosby to show his support for this necessary reform.

"Texas is truly the energy capital of the world," said Senator Bettencourt. **"These reforms will ensure that Texas, and the United States, maintain their position as a global leader in energy production and bringing that energy capacity from production to the market."**



President Trump's Executive Orders will require reports from government agencies to identify barriers to infrastructure regarding the pipeline permitting process and will also ensure that cross border infrastructure in the best interest of the United States.

According to the Texas Railroad Commission there have been 32 new construction notices for pipelines in Texas (through February 13, 2019) and there were 210 new construction notices in 2018. In 2019, new pipeline capacity coming online will transport two million barrels per day to be processed or exported, followed by an additional two million plus barrels per day of pipeline capacity in 2020.

"The Texas economy is a diversified, vibrant power house which is the 10th largest economy in the world," continued Senator Bettencourt. **"A big part of that continued miracle is creating an environment which fosters investment and job creation. Today's action by the President will ensure that."**

Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton, Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick and TxDOT Chairman Bruce Bugg were also in attendance.

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