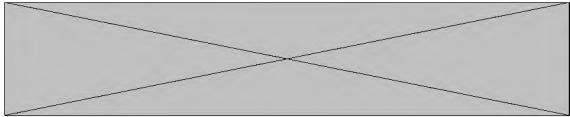


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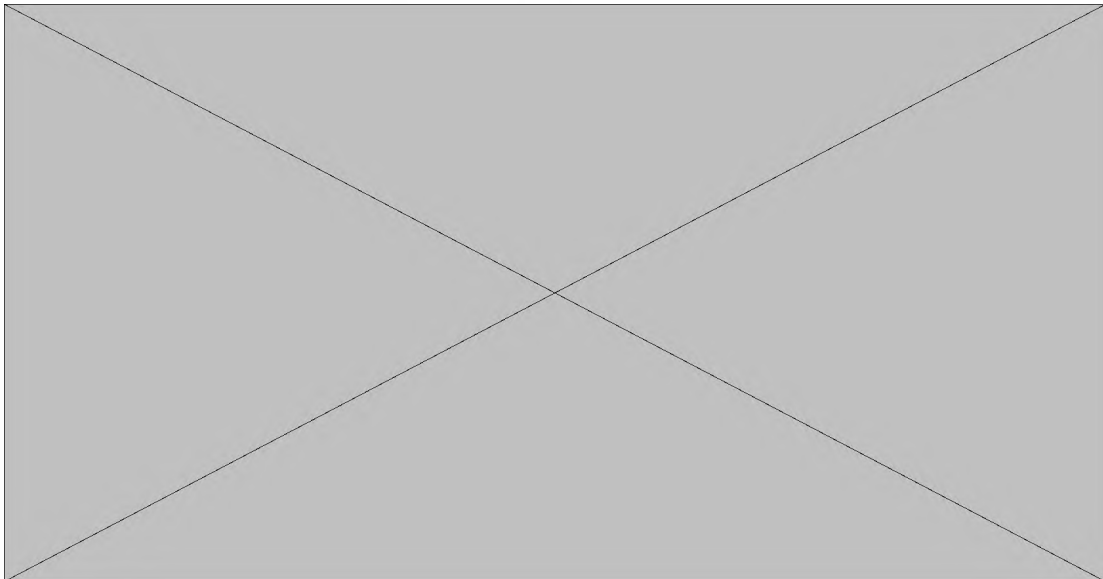
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Dear Leila,

It's hard to create shovel-ready jobs if you can't get shovels.

That's the message [America's natural gas and oil industry](#) is sharing about tariffs and quotas on imported steel. Critical [U.S. energy projects](#) rely on specialty steel components that are just not produced in the U.S. Applying tariffs and quotas to these essential materials supplied by U.S. allies directly threatens the [American energy renaissance](#) and the high-paying jobs and affordable energy it provides for U.S. families.



The Cactus II pipeline is just one example. [Plains All American Pipeline LP](#) – a company that employs 3,400 workers across the U.S. – made plans to build the \$1.1 billion Cactus II to transport crude oil from the prolific Permian Basin in Texas. Although [80 percent](#) of the project cost is comprised of U.S. material and labor, including 2,600 construction jobs, construction also requires line pipe made to specifications not available in the U.S. -- pipe Plains ordered from an overseas supplier months before the tariffs were announced. Denied a [product exclusion](#) for the specialty components, the pipeline company must now pay a retroactive tax on the project.

It's not just pipelines. Like so many other essential industries, America's natural gas and oil industry relies on specialty steel in every aspect of our operations. These import restrictions have created [uncertainty for future projects](#) that would create American jobs and benefit American energy

consumers. It's uncertain when and if U.S. steel plants can make the costly, time-consuming changes necessary to begin producing these specialized products.

One thing is certain: By acting now to [stop tariffs and quotas](#), Congress and the White House can protect the American energy renaissance and the jobs and energy security it contributes to U.S. economic success.

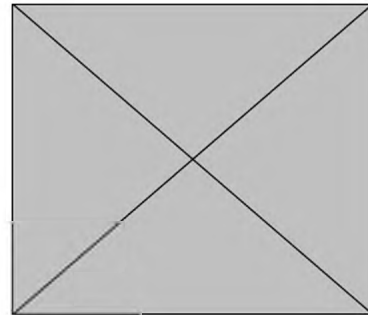
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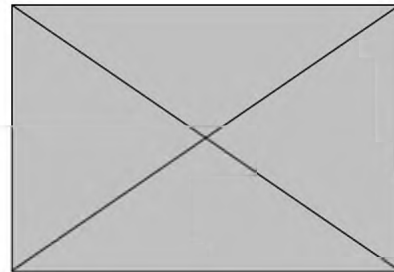
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