

(WASHINGTON) - Today, U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement regarding current negotiations on Capitol Hill to extend the payroll tax cut, extend unemployment insurance benefits, and kick start the Keystone XL project:

“Congress needs to find a way to pass these critical measures, and President Obama needs to stop saying ‘no’ and pitch in and help as we work on this,” said Coffman. “I support extending the payroll tax cut. I’ve been advocating for lessening the government burden on American taxpayers since I came here, and I’m glad President Obama is finally joining in. The Keystone Pipeline can help kick start economic revival, and tying it to Unemployment Insurance extension makes sense. Helping the unemployed with benefits is important, but it is far better to help them find employment. This a project that will deliver an estimated 700,000 barrels of oil from Canada daily, employ 20,000 people immediately, generate billions of dollars in tax revenue, and lessen our dependence on energy from unstable regions of the world.”

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