WASHINGTON (January 18) - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) issued the following statement regarding today's rejection of the Keystone XL Pipeline by the Obama Administration.

"Anyone following events in the Middle East knows how important it is for America to reduce its dependence on oil from hostile regimes. The Keystone pipeline would bring up to a million barrels of oil a day into the U.S. from our faithful friend, Canada. Affordable, reliable energy is critical to manufacturers in Alabama and to job creation across the country. President Obama and his Administration have put politics ahead of our energy needs and national security with this decision and increased the likelihood that the oil and jobs will go to China instead. This is a bad decision for America."