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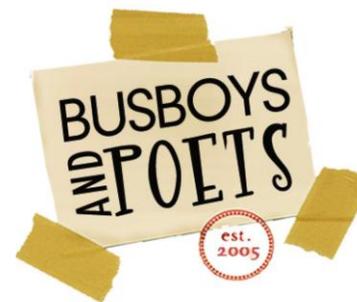
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**"Tar Sands: A Crime in Progress"
Call to Action to Stop the Keystone XL Tar Sands Pipeline**

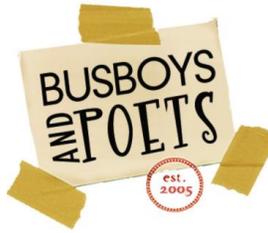
Busboys and Poets (1025 5th Street, NW) will host a full restaurant event on Friday, September 2nd at 8:30pm in support of the call to stop the Keystone XL Sands Pipeline. Featuring environmental activists: Naomi Klein and Bill McKibben.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Picture, if you will, the complete and utter environmental devastation the Gulf of Mexico and surrounding areas suffered as a direct result of the 2010 BP oil spill. Now picture what could happen if a major oil pipeline barreling through America’s heartland, stretching from Canada down to the gulf coast, is allowed to proceed as planned. Can you imagine the potential impact an unexpected rupture to that pipeline could have on some of our country’s most precious natural wonders and resources, including the endangered whooping crane?

On **Friday, September 2nd at 8:30pm**, **Busboys and Poets’ 5th & K** location (1025 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001) will host a **full restaurant event** featuring activists, **Naomi Klein, Bill McKibben** and **Melina Laboucan-Massimo**, as they lead a discussion on the initiative to stop the **Keystone XL Tar Sands** pipeline. Join us for this **free event** to learn more about this controversial issue and how you can join in the efforts to stop the pipeline!

The Tar Sands, one of the largest remaining deposits of oil in the world, and the current efforts to extract oil and other materials underneath Canada’s Boreal forest, have created the largest and most environmentally devastating energy project on earth. Recently, the House Energy committee approved legislation that requires President Obama to make a decision by November on whether to allow the Keystone Pipeline to proceed.

On Friday, August 26, 2011, the State Department issued a report claiming that the pipeline will have “no significant impact to most resources along the proposed pipeline corridor”. However, the report did concede that major issues could arise “in the event of a spill in environmentally sensitive areas, including wetlands, rivers, and other water resources, as well as areas with a high concentration of plants and wildlife”.



For more information about this urgent environmental issue, check out the following articles and web sites:

[Tar Sands Action](#)

[Police arrest 65 environmentalist protesters outside White House at start of oil demonstration](#)

[State Department review to find pipeline impact 'limited,' sources say](#)

[Canadian Tar Sands and The True Cost Of Oil](#)

[US sees no major harm from Keystone XL pipeline](#)

[Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill \(2010\)](#)

[Bill McKibben](#) was arrested last week (and recently released) along with 381 other environmental activists during a protest, in front of the White House, of the Keystone XL Tar Sands pipeline. He is the author of a dozen books about the environment, beginning with "*The End of Nature*" in 1989 and is a founder of the grassroots climate campaign, [350.org](#), which has coordinated 15,000 rallies in 189 countries since 2009. Time Magazine called him 'the planet's best green journalist' and the Boston Globe said in 2010 that he was 'probably the country's most important environmentalist.'

[Naomi Klein](#) is an award-winning journalist, syndicated columnist and author of the *New York Times* and #1 international bestseller, "*The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*". She is a contributing editor for *Harper's* and reporter for *Rolling Stone*, and writes a regular column for *The Nation* and *The Guardian* that is syndicated internationally by *The New York Times* Syndicate.

Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bookstore, fair trade market and gathering place where people can discuss issues of social justice and peace.

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