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## **International Youth Pressure Hillary Clinton to Reject Tar Sands Climate Advocates at State Department Call for Strong Leadership from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to End US Dependence on Fossil Fuels**

Washington, DC — Concerned American youth pressured Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to exemplify bold US climate leadership early Friday morning by rejecting the construction of a cross-border oil pipeline between the US and Canada. Using lively street theatre, they portrayed Clinton as superhero “Super Climate Clinton” saving the US and Canada from the ravages of the vicious Tar Sands Monster.

The youth gathered outside the State Department to demonstrate that Clinton now faces two options: the potential catastrophic results of approving an oil pipeline that would extend the US’s dependence on dirty fossil fuels for decades to come, or the golden opportunity to reverse cataclysmic global warming and put the US on a low-carbon track towards green economy prosperity.

The Clipper Pipeline would originate in Alberta, Canada and travel across Minnesota to Wisconsin, transporting Tar Sands oil. A mixture of clay, sand, heavy crude oil, and tar, the Tar Sands are located in the Canadian Boreal forest and emit the most greenhouse gases of all crude oils. The proposed pipeline also cuts through cultural heritage sites, displacing many indigenous communities in the US and Canada.

“The United States cannot accept dirty energy from Canada. That not only puts more carbon in the environment, but also decimates old Boreal forests and indigenous First Nation Land. The United States must be leaders in the fight against global warming and towards a clean energy future,” said Becca Rast, one of the young advocates.

The decision on the pipeline will be made pending Clinton’s return from a week-long visit to India and Thailand yesterday, where climate change was a priority issue.

“By accepting dirty energy from Canada, there is no way the United States can be effective world leaders—and we must be world leaders at the Copenhagen negotiations in December in the international push for a transition to a clean energy economy,” said Rast.