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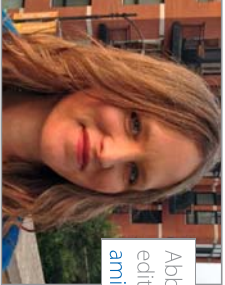
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The same day I sat down to write this issue's letter from the editor, the Keystone XL Pipeline was yet again making headlines. This time, the Senate had failed to override the President's veto, which many considered the

final blow. Just a few months ago, I wasn't so sure what the fate of the pipeline was going to be. Few did.

Four months ago, though, I had found myself in the thick of the issue. My brother had called me to ask if I wanted to go to the middle-of-nowhere Nebraska to see Neil Young perform at a sold-out show in a farmer's cornfield. The concert was being held to protest the forever-stalled and debated pipeline. My brother had an extra ticket. I thought it sounded intriguing.

Considering my brother's son's name is Neil, I knew the pipeline wasn't inspiring the roadtrip as much as the experience was – seeing Neil Young play in our home state, not far from where our mother grew up. A few

weeks later, and we were embarking on our road trip to Neleigh, Neb., population 1,599.

After our 6 ½-hour roadtrip, we finally arrived and pulled into a huge parking lot that a few days earlier had been full of corn. The farmer had harvested a section of his crops to make way for the 7,000 people who had purchased tickets.

Some were there to protest the pipeline and some were there to see Willie Nelson, one of the opening acts. Like my brother, many had come to see Neil Young perform with flowing fields of corn at his back.

In the midst of this once-in-a-lifetime concert, I still couldn't shake the fact that with or without the pipeline, oil would still have to be transported all around the country. I wondered how long our nation's roads and rails could handle the wear and tear.

So with today's news, I am yet again contemplating the pipeline. And I wonder if now is the time for lawmakers to turn up the volume on the crumbling U.S. infrastructure. By doing so, perhaps we could create new job opportunities to replace those that may have gone to the pipeline. But perhaps I'm just looking for the silver lining.

If your business has been affected by the recent Keystone XL Pipeline decision, I'd like to hear about it. To share your story, contact me at amiller@weldingproductivity.com. 

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