

October 30, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Thune:

As organizations devoted to secure and affordable energy, robust American supply chains, free markets, and a strong national defense, we write to voice our support for S. 5653, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA). We urge the swift consideration and passage of this important legislation in both chambers of Congress to drive down energy costs and achieve President Trump's goal of American energy dominance.

For decades, House and Senate Republicans have prioritized reforming America's broken permitting system because accelerating the deployment of American resources and vital infrastructure is key to American prosperity and national security. President Trump has acted swiftly to improve the permitting process, but expanding these reforms and ensuring durability requires statutory changes. After years of hard work, there is a real opportunity to enact generational reform through the BAAJA. If Congress fails to advance this important legislation, the United States would face many more years of dealing with a broken system, each day resulting in a less secure country and higher energy prices for American families.

The United States is at an energy crossroads, seeing energy demand increasing at a rate not experienced in decades. But today, because of overburdensome process and excessive litigation, it takes years, decades in some cases, to approve projects before construction can even begin. This is time the United States does not have to successfully deploy the resources and infrastructure necessary to meet rising demand.

Americans cannot afford a permitting system that delays or stops critical investments in necessary infrastructure. Timelines that are double or triple those seen in other countries like Australia and Canada increase the cost of deployment—costs that are passed on to American consumers and families. Exorbitant permitting costs also harm the ability of American businesses to compete globally, particularly against companies owned and controlled by foreign adversaries. Without the reforms included in the BAAJA, America will fall behind our global competitors and become increasingly dependent on supply chains we don't control. Congress must seize this rare opportunity to deliver meaningful reforms that promote the deployment of affordable, reliable, and necessary energy resources.

The BAAJA integrates key policy solutions Republicans have long championed and supported—many of which have already passed the House this Congress, and in previous Congresses. This includes reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Federal Power Act, and National Historic Preservation Act. Furthermore, it amends federal laws to unlock domestic mining, expand geothermal energy, and build linear

infrastructure from pipelines to transmission to roads. Our coalition is proud to endorse S. 5653 and urges expeditious consideration and passage.

For years, our organizations have worked with congressional Republicans to enact meaningful permitting reform. We applaud champions in both chambers whose work over the years laid the foundation for the legislation before you today. We remain ready and eager to help advance these durable reforms that strengthen American energy dominance, deliver greater affordability, and accelerate the deployment of critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

60 Plus Association
American Association of Senior Citizens
American Conservation Coalition (ACC) Action
Americans for Free Markets
Americans for Prosperity
C3 Solutions Action
Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES)
ClearPath Action
Concerned Veterans for America
ConservAmerica Action
Conservative Energy Network
Goldwater Institute
Rainey Center Freedom Project
Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)
Taxpayers Protection Alliance

CC: The Honorable Steve Scalise, House Majority Leader
The Honorable John Barasso, Senate Majority Whip
The Honorable Tom Emmer, House Majority Whip
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources
The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Sam Graves, Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure