

To the Members of the United States Congress:

Today, the single biggest obstacle to building the infrastructure of the future is a broken permitting system. That is why the undersigned list of diverse groups across the country and economy is calling on Congress to Permit America to Build by enacting meaningful, durable legislation to modernize America's permitting processes before the end of the summer.

Public and private sector infrastructure projects will improve our economy and the lives of millions of Americans. Investing in highways, bridges, transit systems, and ports will move people and goods more quickly and efficiently. Building new energy production and transmission projects promises to improve energy reliability and reduce emissions. Expanding access to broadband can close the digital divide, and rebuilding failing water systems will ensure safe drinking water. And we can strengthen our national security by expanding domestic production of critical technologies and the raw materials they require. But America cannot accomplish any of this if the outdated, inefficient, and unpredictable permitting process is not improved.

We are pleased to see support for modernizing our permitting process from across the ideological spectrum, and a recognition that the current system is broken. We know there are differing perspectives in Congress on how best to address current challenges. Our organizations will not agree on every issue. We are committed, however, to working with Congress to find solutions and pass meaningful and durable legislation.

As a starting point, we are united on the following principles:

- **Predictability** – Project developers and financiers must have an appropriate level of certainty regarding the scope and timeline for project reviews, including any related judicial review.
- **Efficiency** – Interagency coordination must be improved to optimize public and private resources while driving better environmental and community outcomes.
- **Transparency** – Project sponsors and the public must have visibility into the project permitting milestones and schedule through an easily accessible public means.
- **Stakeholder Input** – All relevant stakeholders must be adequately informed and have the opportunity to provide input within a reasonable and consistent timeframe.

This effort won't be easy but must be pursued to take full advantage of the once-in-a-generation investment opportunities before us. We are confident that this Congress can pass meaningful and durable legislation. We urge you to do so before the end of the summer.