

To the Members of the United States Senate:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge you to prioritize and pass bipartisan, comprehensive permitting reform legislation as early this year as possible. Communities across America are counting on Congress to deliver a modernized, efficient, predictable, and transparent permitting process—one that provides the project certainty needed to secure investment today, unlock economic growth, and foster innovation that creates opportunity and a stronger future for families and neighborhoods.

The House of Representatives led the way by passing several important permitting reform bills at the end of 2025. Their efforts reflect a bipartisan recognition that our current permitting process is broken. Now, the Senate must build on that momentum and deliver meaningful reform that benefits families and communities nationwide.

Across the country, communities and businesses are ready to invest in projects that will strengthen our economy and improve quality of life—from expanding broadband access and upgrading transportation networks, to building innovative energy facilities that will provide new sources of power to meet growing demand, and modernizing drinking water systems. But too often, outdated and inefficient permitting processes stand in the way, delaying these investments and driving up costs.

These delays not only increase the financial burden of construction due to inflation and rising material and labor costs but also postpone the critical benefits that new and improved infrastructure brings to communities. Families and businesses are left waiting for safer roads, better public transit, improved drinking water access, more affordable energy, and access to high-speed internet—essentials that drive economic growth, improve public health, and enhance quality of life. Improving permitting processes will empower businesses and communities to invest in and deliver the infrastructure needed to address today's challenges.

A modernized permitting system will help us build smarter, faster, and more sustainably—we just need a system that keeps pace with our ambition. We urge the Senate to work across the aisle to enact durable legislation now, reflecting the urgency and opportunity before us. Our communities are ready to build.