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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries,

As a coalition of national and state advocates committed to free markets and economic growth, we write to urge Congress to enact meaningful permitting reform. With bipartisan support on many of the permitting reform bills currently before Congress, this is a generational opportunity to lower housing and energy costs for American families.

The current permitting system is broken, and it is costing Americans.

Federal permitting timelines for housing, energy and other infrastructure projects routinely stretch for years due to overlapping regulatory reviews, redundant environmental assessments and years of litigation. These delays not only slow down construction but also drive-up costs before a project ever breaks ground. Those costs are ultimately passed on to American families through higher rents, higher utility bills and fewer housing options.

Housing and energy affordability are among the top concerns for Americans, regardless of their party affiliations, and reforming the permitting process is the most direct action Congress can take to address both. Cutting red tape that delays housing construction and stalls energy projects will deliver more housing supply, cheaper and more reliable energy and stronger local economies in every state and every congressional district.

America's energy future depends on the ability to build.

Stalled pipelines, delayed transmission lines and blocked energy infrastructure undermine U.S. energy security and global competitiveness. Advanced manufacturing and emerging technologies projects are essential to America's economic future. To ensure we remain competitive, we must keep up with accelerating energy demands.

This is not a partisan issue. It is an affordability issue.

We are encouraged that multiple permitting reform bills are actively moving through Congress, reflecting genuine bipartisan support for reform. Voters across the political spectrum, regardless of party, region or income level, are demanding relief from high housing and energy costs, and lawmakers can deliver it now.

The political moment to act is now.

Now is the opportunity for Congress to act. Failure to do so risks losing the political momentum needed to get permitting reform across the finish line. Every month of inaction adds to the cost burden already facing American families and further postpones the housing and energy infrastructure our communities need.

Permitting reform is not just about lowering costs today. It is about providing the economic security of stable, affordable and reliable housing, energy and other infrastructure Americans will rely on for years to come. We urge you to prioritize policies such as the [SPEED Act](#), the [PERMIT Act](#) and the [FREEDOM Act](#) to establish clear timelines and rules, cut unnecessary regulatory red tape and deliver real, lasting relief for the American people.

We stand ready to support your efforts to get permitting reform across the finish line, and we thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

