



May 2, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Westerman:

We applaud the House Committee on Natural Resources for their inclusion of permitting language in their portion of the reconciliation legislation that would allow for expedited permitting and protection from frivolous litigation. Specifically, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) fee language will not only help to close budgetary gaps, but also provides a path to accelerate deployment of technology and infrastructure for all types of energy. The U.S. can no longer afford to wait years to clear the NEPA paperwork hurdles that slow clean energy deployment and put next generation American manufacturing at a disadvantage to global competitors and adversaries. If we are serious about American clean energy and reshoring American supply chains, we need to fix our permitting system.

Additionally, we appreciate the Committee's focus on advanced geothermal deployment and domestic mineral development. These efforts will ensure our nation can deploy innovative clean energy and strengthen domestic supply chains by unlocking our natural abundance.

Steps that can be taken within the confines of reconciliation are limited, so we look forward to continuing to work with Congress on comprehensive policy changes to our permitting processes. Going forward, we also encourage the Committee to ensure our federal lands can competitively deploy all-of-the-above energy resources including renewables like wind and solar. We look forward to working with the Committee as conversations continue.

Thank you, Chairman Westerman, for your commitment and leadership in permitting reform and efforts to unleash American energy abundance.

Sincerely,

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