

NEW SIGN-ON OPPORTUNITY - U.S. Chamber of Commerce Request

Coalition Letter to Senate in Support of Comprehensive Permitting Reform

Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

What's happening: Outdated and inefficient permitting processes are delaying critical infrastructure projects, driving up costs, and postponing benefits like safer roads, better public transit, affordable energy, and high-speed internet access.

What we're doing: Following a successful Day of Action on Capitol Hill on January 7, the U.S. Chamber is rallying chambers, trade associations, and other organizations to sign-on to a coalition letter urging the Senate to act now and build on the House of Representatives passing of several important permitting bills at the end of 2025.

Why it matters: Modernizing permitting systems will empower communities and businesses to invest in infrastructure that grows the economy, creates good-paying jobs, and improves quality of life. The coalition is united around four key principles:

- **Predictability:** Clear timelines and scope for project reviews.
- **Efficiency:** Improved interagency coordination to optimize resources.
- **Transparency:** Accessible visibility into project milestones and schedules.
- **Stakeholder Input:** Consistent opportunities for input from all relevant parties.

What you can do: Join the coalition and add your voice to this critical effort. Sign-on to the letter and help urge the Senate to enact durable, bipartisan permitting reform legislation now.

The deadline to sign on is Wednesday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

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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.

Sincerely,

San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce