

September 22, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
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The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
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Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer, Chairman Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,
Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich,

As the leaders and on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing trade association in the United States, representing thousands of manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, we respectfully urge you to finalize comprehensive permitting reform legislation and bring it to the Senate floor for immediate consideration.

Manufacturers applaud the hard work that the bipartisan negotiators have done to find practical solutions to these challenges. It is a testament to our democracy that leaders from both parties can come together to seek common ground and address the major challenges that are facing manufacturers in the United States. Reforming our permitting processes will make it easier and more cost-efficient for manufacturers to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects.

Finalizing and passing a package of reforms is an historic opportunity to deliver long-overdue reforms to our nation's permitting process while maintaining America's commitment to environmental stewardship. Manufacturers cannot afford inaction.

Our nation's broken permitting system affects projects in every industry and of every energy source and directly contributing to the rising cost of electricity to homeowners and businesses. Right now, in the United States, it takes 80% longer to get a permit authorized for a manufacturing facility than it does in any other free market economy.

According to a study the NAM conducted in coordination with the Foundation for American Innovation, permitting delays cost manufacturers at least \$8 billion every year. That's money not being spent on hiring new workers, expanding shop floors, or going back into the local economy. Manufacturers are ready to build in America; we just need the certainty and a modernized permitting process to make it happen.

Should the Senate come to an agreement and pass legislation this month, we would call on the House to move expeditiously to consider the bipartisan comprehensive agreement and deliver this manufacturing win to the American people.

Now is the time for action. Manufacturers are ready to build, and modernized permitting will help us race to the future. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to supporting manufacturers in the United States.

Sincerely,



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