NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Manufacturers

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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

The undersigned organizations, members of the NAM's Council of Manufacturing Associations and Conference of State Manufacturers Associations and other aligned manufacturing and business organizations, represent businesses, manufacturers, and energy producers that employ millions of Americans in every industrial sector and in every state, as well as U.S. territories and Puerto Rico. We write in strong and unified support for **S. 5653, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act** and respectfully urge you to bring it to the Senate floor for immediate consideration.

Our organizations applaud the hard work that the bipartisan negotiators have done to find practical solutions to the challenges our industry faces in permitting projects to expand and grow manufacturing. 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 our industry 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 S. 5653, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act, 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, 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.

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 pass this critical legislation, 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,

National Association of Manufacturers
Alaska Chamber
Alliance for Automotive Innovation
American Cement Association
American Chemistry Council
American Clean Power Association
American Cleaning Institute
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Gas Association
American Lighting Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Supply Association
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arkansas State Chamber/Associated Industries of Arkansas
Associated Industries of Florida
Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc.
Associated Industries of Missouri
Associated Industries of Vermont
Association of American Railroads
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Washington Business
Autos Drive America
Brick Industry Association
Business Council for Sustainable Energy
Business Council of Alabama
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire
California Manufacturing & Technology Association
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Colorado Chamber of Commerce
Composite Panel Association
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners (CIBO)
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)
Electrical Generating Systems Association

Forging Industry Association
Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA)
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Greater North Dakota Chamber
GridWise Alliance
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)
Indiana Manufacturers Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Sign Association
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
Liquid Energy Pipeline Association
Louisiana Asocciation of Business & Industry
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Metals Service Center Institute
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Mississippi Business Alliance
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Motion + Power Manufacturers Alliance
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Glass Association
National Mining Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC)
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Natural Gas Supply Association
NC Chamber
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Nevada Manufacturers Association
New Jersey Business & Industry Association
New Mexico Business Coalition
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Oregon Business & Industry

Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Plastics Industry Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
PRINTING United Alliance
Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates (SOCMA)
Solar Energy Industries Association
South Carolina Manufacturers and Commerce
South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Steel Manufacturers Association
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Manufacturers
Textile Care Allied Trades Association
The Association For Manufacturing Technology
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
The Fertilizer Institute
The Hardwood Federation
The State Chamber of Oklahoma
Treated Wood Council
Utah Manufacturers Association
Vinyl Institute
Virginia Manufacturers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
WV Manufacturers Association
Wyoming Business Alliance