Key Vote Alert

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To the Members of the United States Senate:

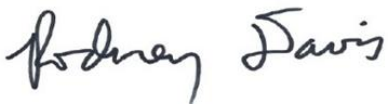
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports S. 5653, the "Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026," and urges all Senators to vote in favor of this important permitting reform legislation.

S. 5653 represents one of the most important opportunities in decades for Congress to fix our broken permitting process and change how America builds the infrastructure we depend on every day. A McKinsey & Company study found that approximately $1.5 trillion in job-creating projects are stuck waiting for government approvals: projects like the new bridge on your morning commute, the broadband line that expands access to education and telehealth, the pipeline that could lower your heating bill, and the water system upgrade your town has needed for years. A more efficient permitting process can help deliver these benefits to communities sooner.

The Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act would help restore confidence in America's permitting system by creating more predictable review timelines, encouraging greater use of digital permitting tools, strengthening agency accountability, and ensuring environmental reviews remain focused on the issues that matter most. By reducing opportunities for unnecessary delays and endless litigation, the bill would provide the certainty needed to unlock investment, advance projects, and help keep everyday essentials more affordable for families and communities.

We commend Chairs Capito and Lee and Ranking Members Whitehouse and Heinrich for their leadership and urge all Senators to vote YES on the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026.

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