Congress: Protect America's Energy Advantage

Pass the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (S. 5653)



Protecting America's energy advantage requires policies that strengthen the natural gas and electricity systems that power U.S. manufacturing, supply chemical building blocks, and support industrial competitiveness.

Access to Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs)

The Chemical manufacturers use natural gas as both an energy source and a source of essential raw materials. The legislation can help enhance access to natural gas and NGLs by:

- **Make permits for pipeline construction more predictable.** Retain reforms that extend general wetlands permits to 10 years, preserve nationwide permits for qualifying infrastructure, and set time limits on EPA's project veto authority.
- **Provide greater certainty for approved projects.** Retain clear deadlines for legal challenges and limit efforts to reopen or delay valid federal permits, as consistent with the bill's exceptions.
- **Facilitate improvements to existing infrastructure.** Streamline reviews for qualifying upgrades to existing pipelines and related facilities within established energy corridors.
- **Coordinate environmental reviews and enforce schedules.** Preserve lead-agency coordination, concurrent reviews, and defined review deadlines under applicable permitting statutes.
- **Keep Clean Water Act reviews focused and timely.** Preserve reforms that tie state water quality certifications and conditions to specific requirements and set clear procedures and deadlines.

Electricity

Chemical manufacturers need reliable, competitively priced electricity to make products and sustain supply chains essential to economic and national security.

- **Protect manufacturers from data center costs and mandates.** Retain targeted computational-load provisions, as well as protections for existing customers and industrial operations, while preventing cost shifts resulting from by data center growth.
- **Tie grid spending to customer benefits.** Allocate costs based on measurable benefits such as improved reliability and reduced congestion, and enhanced system flexibility for emerging loads.
- **Build capacity faster and maximize grid performance.** Preserve regional planning, coordinated generation and transmission development, and faster interconnection studies to deliver power sooner and avoid unnecessary construction costs.
- **Clarify state and federal responsibilities.** Preserve state authority over retail rates and resource planning, meaningful state and landowner input, while providing a clear federal pathway for agencies like FERC for qualifying interstate transmission.

Congress should act quickly to pass **the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act** to expand affordable, reliable energy infrastructure, preserve America's natural gas advantage, and strengthen domestic manufacturing, jobs, and supply chains.

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