

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

Permitting Reform Will Help America Compete, Build, and Power Innovation

America is in a global race to enhance manufacturing investment, energy development, and industrial growth. Yet permitting delays and regulatory uncertainty can stall the infrastructure projects needed to strengthen U.S. competitiveness.

ACC supports **the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (S. 5653)** to modernize permitting and help America compete, build, and power innovation.

What America Needs

- A strong, sustained investment in energy production, transmission and pipeline infrastructure, and manufacturing.
- An all-of-the-above energy strategy that includes traditional energy resources, renewables, and emerging technologies.
- An **estimated 37,000 miles of additional pipeline capacity** to help meet future energy and industrial demands.

Why America's Energy Advantage Matters

Natural gas is both a power source and a critical raw material in chemical manufacturing.

The chemistry that makes products used throughout the U.S. economy, from semiconductors and medical devices to batteries and consumer products depends on reliable, affordable, and abundant energy.

How the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act Strengthen U.S. Competitiveness

- **Modernizes federal permitting and environmental reviews.** The bill helps to modernize permitting and environmental reviews by better aligning federal decision-making with state and landowner input and responsibilities.
- **Creates greater certainty for long-term investment.** Section 404 reforms that extend general permits, preserve nationwide permits, and limit EPA's disposal site veto authority help make permits for pipeline construction more predictable.
- **Accelerates infrastructure deployment to meet growing energy and manufacturing demand.** The bill helps reduce regulatory and legal bottlenecks that can delay project reviews and approvals.
- **Welcome new customers while protecting existing ones.** The ratepayer provisions help keep responsibility for increases in energy grid infrastructure costs to the customers that are causing them.
- **Strengthens domestic energy and industrial supply chains.** The bill helps streamline permitting for electric transmission projects and facilitate upgrades to existing transmission corridors, helping deliver reliable power to industrial facilities and operations.
- **Improves Clean Water Act Section 401 reviews.** This bill helps give manufacturers predictable reviews that protect water quality and build needed infrastructure.

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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