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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Re: Passage of the Bipartisan American Affordability Jobs Act in the 119th Congress

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the undersigned clean energy groups working in regions across the U.S., we write in support of the *Bipartisan American Affordability Jobs Act* (BAAJA). We urge you to pass this bill during the 119th Congress.

BAAJA would positively reform our permitting system, maintain high environmental standards, and provide clear rules for getting energy infrastructure built. In particular, BAAJA would significantly increase clean energy deployment and expand our transmission network to deliver new, affordable, and reliable electricity to the homes and businesses that rely on it.

Transmission

BAAJA's transmission provisions are essential to deploying more clean energy, which will lower overall system costs by putting more electricity on the grid. Today, thousands of gigawatts of clean energy are waiting in interconnection queues across the country, and many projects will not be built without new lines to carry that power. Insufficient transmission strands low-cost generation and leaves the grid more vulnerable to extreme weather and demand spikes, and raises costs for consumers. Modeling indicates that BAAJA would enable a major buildout of transmission, roughly doubling interregional transfer capacity over the coming years.

Permit Certainty and Enforceable Timelines

The permit certainty provisions in the bill would lower financing costs, accelerate construction, and protect projects that are already moving forward. Companies cannot commit to investing billions of dollars in a project if federal reviews can be delayed indefinitely or approvals can be paused or revoked after issuance. Over the past year, the clean power industry experienced this firsthand. The Department of the Interior's July 2025 memo subjected nearly 70 categories of routine solar and wind permitting actions to Secretary-level review, creating a near-moratorium that reached even projects on private land. A federal court has since enjoined that policy, but a court order is temporary.

Technology Neutrality

BAAJA ensures that technology neutrality is a durable principle of federal permitting law while maintaining responsible environmental review standards. Federal permitting should not pick winners and losers. Every energy resource should meet responsible environmental standards and undergo rigorous reviews and consultations, while having the same access to federal lands, tools, and databases.

After 20 years of flat electricity demand, the U.S. is facing a nearly unprecedented forecast increase of up to 166 GW before 2029. Meanwhile, more than 350 GW of clean energy is ready to be deployed – with 100 GW stalled in the permitting process, 50 GW held up with regulatory uncertainty, and another 200 GW that needs new transmission. Based on current market dynamics, clean energy resources are poised to meet the lion's share of this demand quickly and affordably – if the playing field is even.

The Time to Act is Now

We appreciate the bipartisan negotiations that led to BAAJA's drafting. Projects, jobs, and investment in communities across the country cannot wait another year or more. Every month of delay means higher costs for American families and businesses. We urge you to pass BAAJA before the end of this Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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