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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public
Works
United States Senate

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and
Public Works
United States Senate

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
United States Senate

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and
Natural Resources
United States Senate

Dear Chairman Capito, Chairman Lee, Ranking Member Whitehouse and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of the American Cement Association, the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association and the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, we write in strong support of the *Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act* and urge the Senate to pass it.

Our members produce cement, asphalt, ready mixed concrete and crushed stone, sand and gravel, the construction materials used to build and maintain America's roads, bridges, housing, water systems and energy infrastructure. Those projects depend on a reliable local supply of construction materials. Lengthy, duplicative and legally uncertain permitting too often delays that supply and raises costs for the communities waiting on the work.

This important legislation would update reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and related statutes so environmental review remains thorough but proceeds on a defined schedule. We applaud provisions that set deadlines for environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, narrow which activities count as a "major Federal action" and limit judicial challenges to 150 days so a lawsuit cannot restart the permitting process. We also support language that keeps an issued permit in effect across changes in administration, extends Nationwide Permits from five years to ten and sets a 150-day deadline for challenges to Clean Water Act Section 404 authorizations. Those changes would give producers and project owners a basis for planning hiring, production and delivery. Approval after a completed review should be enough to proceed, whether the project is a road, a housing development, an energy facility or a water system. More predictable permitting keeps materials available, supports jobs where materials are produced and limits delays that raise the cost of construction.

Permitting reform is not about setting aside environmental protections. It is about allowing the country to build the infrastructure it has already deemed necessary. We applaud your leadership in reaching this bipartisan agreement and urge the Senate to pass this legislation without delay.

Sincerely,

American Cement Association
National Asphalt Pavement Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association