



Transportation Construction Coalition

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
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The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
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RE: Transportation Construction Coalition Support for S. 5653: Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026

Dear Senators Capito, Lee, Whitehouse, and Heinrich:

The 34 member organizations and labor unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) write in support of S.5653, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (BAAJA), which would streamline federal environmental review, permitting, and judicial review processes.

The TCC believes Congress should accelerate project delivery by modernizing the federal review processes without cutting corners on safety or environmental quality. Prolonged reviews, permitting, and litigation delay construction projects, increasing costs and disrupting the workforce. These delays can also raise labor and material rates, resulting in project cost overruns. They also disrupt hiring and create uncertainty for skilled workers. Beyond the jobsite, delayed projects slow safety enhancements, job creation and broader economic growth, particularly in regions where construction drives the local economy.

BAAJA includes many measures that will expedite timelines for permitting decisions and limit lawsuits once permits have been issued on infrastructure projects. The legislation will curtail often unnecessary legal delays by establishing a 150-day statute of limitations for judicial review of a project's authorization and limiting who may file a lawsuit to parties that submitted comments during the environmental review prior to a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision. Beyond the positive NEPA changes, the bill also improves Clean Water Act permitting processes, helping ensure the timely delivery of critical infrastructure projects.

The TCC appreciates the bipartisan leadership of the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Energy and Resources in advancing this commonsense legislation and stands ready to work with you to secure passage in the full Senate.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

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