THIRD WAY

Key Players in the Climate & Energy Space Endorse BAAJA, Bipartisan Permitting Reform

Introduction

Federal permitting is a devastating bottleneck for communities and industry alike. The Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 reduces unnecessary delays, keeps projects safe from political interference, and ensures high environmental standards for new construction. In turn, it will boost American manufacturing, unlock clean energy, and lead to new transmission lines across the country. These benefits have earned the legislation broad support from across the energy, business, manufacturing, and climate communities.

What People Are Saying

"As energy prices continue to rise and power demand surges, we encourage lawmakers to advance this monumental legislation, ensuring American homes and businesses have access to the low-cost, reliable power they desperately need."



Rich Powell, CEO
Corporate Energy Buyers Association

"The bill provides proper judicial review timelines, narrows the scope of the NEPA and makes it more transparent, provides clarity and significant improvements to the water quality certificate process, and provides long-overdue project certainty so that our members finally do not have to worry about elected officials killing their jobs simply to fulfill a self-serving political agenda."



Brent Booker, General President
LIUNA

"This is exactly the kind of bipartisan action America needs to meet growing energy demand, put downward pressure on energy prices, and deploy more affordable, reliable solar and storage for American families and businesses."



Tim Pawlenty, CEO
Solar Energy Industries Association

“If America is going to meaningfully reduce our emissions and truly address climate change, we need to connect much more clean energy to the grid. This bill will make remarkable, rapid progress toward that goal. We’re proud to endorse it, and we’re excited to mobilize our grassroots volunteers in full support.”



Rick Bradley, Executive Director
Citizens Climate Lobby

“This bipartisan legislation, led by Chairs Lee and Capito and Ranking Members Heinrich and Whitehouse, will increase project certainty, streamline federal review timelines, and create thousands of good-paying jobs – all while maintaining reasonable environmental safeguards and opportunities for public input.”



Mark McManus, General President
United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters

“The biggest barrier to emissions reductions is increasingly our inability to quickly build clean energy: solar, geothermal, wind, nuclear, transmission, battery storage, etc. Projects are held back by a thicket of regulations and reviews. I'm excited to see Congress finally starting to take action to address this with the new bipartisan permitting reform bill.”



Zeke Hausfather, Climate Research Lead
Frontier

“This legislation would modernize the federal permitting process, reduce unnecessary delays, accelerate project delivery and ensure local expertise is incorporated into federal decision-making. Counties applaud Senators Lee, Heinrich, Capito and Whitehouse for their leadership.”



Matthew Chase, Executive Director
National Association of Counties

Additional Resources

- One BAAJA Blast, Please **Read**
- Third Way Applauds Bipartisan Permitting Deal **Read**
- Statement from Climate and Energy SVP Josh Freed on Environmental Group Opposition to Bipartisan Permitting Deal **Read**