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The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Lee, Ranking Member Heinrich, Chairman Capito, and Ranking Member Whitehouse:

On behalf of the Electrical Generating Systems Association (EGSA), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to onsite power generation, I write to express EGSA's strong support for S. 5653, the *Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026*. We commend you for reaching this bipartisan agreement to reform federal environmental review and permitting and urge the Senate to pass the bill and work with the House to send it to the President's desk.

EGSA's more than 500 member companies manufacture, specify, distribute, install, and service the technologies that keep hospitals, water systems, telecommunications networks, defense facilities, data centers, and other critical infrastructure operating when the grid fails. Those members depend on faster, more predictable federal approvals so they can deploy generation, storage, and advanced controls without years of delay and cost uncertainty.

The bill addresses priorities EGSA has urged Congress to adopt. Permit durability gives investors and project owners the certainty to purchase equipment and build facilities by ensuring that lawfully issued approvals cannot be revoked for political reasons except in extraordinary circumstances, for a violation of law, or by court order. Streamlined, coordinated reviews under NEPA and related statutes, including concurrent multi-agency work and clearer timelines, are the same practical reforms EGSA has long supported. Technology-neutral process reform that still protects environmental standards based on actual operations and emissions is the right balance.

Faster, predictable permitting is not an abstract process fight. Delayed approvals slow equipment purchases, facility investment, and the deployment of modern on-site systems that strengthen domestic energy capacity, advanced manufacturing, and national security. When reviews drag on, hospitals, water utilities, communications networks, and defense sites wait longer for resilient power. When reviews are timely and durable, those same facilities can ride through severe weather, grid outages, disasters, and cyber incidents.

EGSA also recognizes the bill's effort to pair permitting certainty with responsible growth, including reforms intended to get more generation and transmission built and to keep large new loads from shifting grid-upgrade costs onto households. Our industry's interest is straightforward: America should be able to say yes or no to compliant projects on a known schedule, keep valid permits in force, and put resilient on-site power to work.

We appreciate the months of negotiation that produced this compromise and stand ready to work with both committees, the full Senate, and the House as the bill moves. Please consider EGSA a resource on how permitting timelines affect on-site generation, storage, and the critical facilities that depend on them.

Thank you for your leadership. We urge swift Senate consideration and enactment of the *Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Members, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works