

September 8, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Legislation

Dear Leaders Thune, Schumer, Johnson, and Jeffries:

The organizations listed below urge Congress to pass energy permitting reform legislation during this Congress, which would increase the development of desperately needed natural gas pipeline capacity for reshoring manufacturing jobs and dispatchable power generation.

No one is more impacted by inadequate natural gas pipeline capacity than the manufacturing sector. Under state end-use curtailment plans, when there is insufficient supply to serve the residential consumer or for electricity generation, natural gas service to manufacturing companies is curtailed – there is a mandatory reduction of natural gas supply. The frequency of curtailment rates is increasing annually and comes at significant costs and disruption to manufacturing supply chains that also include materials for national security.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) confirms that the majority of manufacturing sectors cannot switch from natural gas to another fuel and that the equipment cannot be converted to the use of electricity. Even if we could, a Btu of electricity is about 300 percent more expensive than a Btu of natural gas. Furthermore, we operate 24/7 and require reliable natural gas and electricity, as do data centers.¹

Manufacturing companies need more natural gas pipeline capacity to expand existing facilities, invest in new facilities, reshore, and create high paying middle class jobs that average \$102,629 per year.² Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

¹ EIA Confirms that the Manufacturing Sector Cannot Switch from Natural Gas to Another Fuel, https://www.ieca-us.org/wp-content/uploads/06.04.24_Fuel-Switching.pdf

² Manufacturing in the United States, National Association of Manufacturers, <https://nam.org/manufacturing-in-the-united-states/>

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**ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PERMITTING REFORM
FOR RESHORING, JOB CREATION, AND A RELIABLE ELECTRICITY GRID**

1. Agricultural Retailers Association
2. Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
3. Aluminum Association
4. American Cement Association
5. American Chemistry Council
6. American Composites Manufacturers Association
7. American Forest and Paper Association
8. American Foundry Society
9. American Iron and Steel Institute
10. Arcus Power
11. Associated Industries of Arkansas
12. Association of Businesses Advocating for Tariff Equity
13. Basic Construction Company
14. Brick Industry Association
15. CalPortland Company
16. Cardinal FG
17. Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates
18. Carolina Utility Customers Association
19. Celanese Corporation
20. Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
21. Chemistry Council of New Jersey
22. Commercial Metals Company
23. Corn Refiners Association
24. Council of Industrial Boiler Owners
25. Dean Warehouse Services Inc.
26. DNA Technical Fabrics
27. Domtar
28. Durable Industrial Finishing
29. Essential Minerals Association
30. Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A.
31. Georgia Association of Manufacturers
32. Georgia Chemistry Council
33. Gerdau North America
34. Glass Packaging Institute

35. Goodwin-Bradley Pattern Co., Inc.
36. Hanwha Azdel, Inc
37. Heidelberg Materials
38. Hoshizaki Corporation
39. Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers
40. Industrial Energy Consumer Group (Maine/Massachusetts)
41. Industrial Energy Consumers of America
42. Industrial Energy Consumers of Pennsylvania
43. Inland Empire Paper Company
44. Iowa Industrial Energy Group, Inc.
45. Legacy Energy
46. Manufacturers Association of Maine
47. Midwest Food Products Association
48. National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
49. Norsk Hydro
50. North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
51. Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers
52. Process Gas Consumers Group
53. Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
54. Riceland Foods
55. Rinnai America Corporation
56. Service Center Metals
57. Short Mountain Silica Company
58. Steel Manufacturers Association
59. Tennessee Chamber of Commerce
60. Tennessee Manufacturers Association
61. Texas Association of Manufacturers
62. TEXICAN Natural Gas
63. The Fertilizer Institute
64. The Syntha Group
65. Thiele Kaolin Company
66. Vinyl Institute
67. Virginia Manufacturers Association
68. Walco Electric Co.
69. West Virginia Manufacturers Association
70. Wisconsin Cast Metals Association
71. Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group
72. Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce