

October 8, 2026

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

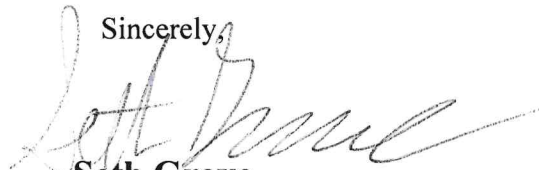
Dear Chairman Capito, Chairman Lee, Ranking Member Whitehouse and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Aggregate and Concrete Association (PACA), I write in strong support of the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act and urge the Senate to pass it promptly.

Our members produce crushed stone, sand, and gravel—the materials that form the foundation of America’s roads, bridges, housing, water systems, and energy infrastructure. Those projects cannot move without a reliable local supply of aggregates. Too often, lengthy, duplicative, and legally uncertain permitting processes delay that supply and drive-up costs for communities.

This important legislation would modernize reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and related statutes so that thorough environmental review still occurs, but on a clear schedule. Firm deadlines for environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, a shorter window for judicial review, and greater durability for permits once they are issued would give producers and the projects, they supply the certainty they need. A project that has completed a full review and received approval should be able to proceed. Reform should also remain project-agnostic, supporting roads, housing, energy, water systems, and other infrastructure alike. Predictable permitting helps keep material available, supports jobs in the communities where aggregates are produced, and reduces avoidable delays that raise the cost of building.

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

Sincerely,

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President and CEO
PACA