

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
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The Honorable Jared Huffman
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The Honorable Dusty Johnson
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The Honorable Scott Peters
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RE: Letter of Support for H.R. 4503, the *ePermit Act*

Dear Chairman Westerman, Ranking Member Huffman, Congressman Johnson, and Congressman Peters,

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our strong support for H.R. 4503, the *ePermit Act*. We commend the bipartisan leadership of Representatives Johnson and Peters in introducing this timely and forward-looking legislation, which reflects a shared commitment to responsible development, efficient and transparent governance, and data integrity.

The *ePermit Act* offers a pragmatic solution to a longstanding challenge: outdated and inconsistent permitting systems that hinder progress on infrastructure and conservation projects. By modernizing federal reviews through digitization, this bill will reduce bureaucratic delays, cut administrative costs, and improve outcomes for agencies, project sponsors, and the public.

This legislative effort to establish a centralized permitting portal and deploy interoperable digital tools will streamline agency coordination, enhance data integrity, and ensure real-time visibility into permitting timelines. These reforms will not only accelerate project delivery but also uphold rigorous environmental standards – demonstrating that efficiency and accountability can go hand in hand.

The *ePermit Act* aligns with the values held by many across both the private sector and conservation community who believe stewardship of our environment can be balanced with meeting the energy and infrastructure needs of tomorrow. By streamlining processes, reducing duplicative work, and promoting smarter, more transparent decision-making, the *ePermit Act* embodies the innovation necessary to meet some of America's most pressing infrastructure challenges.

For these reasons, we strongly endorse the *ePermit Act*. This legislation will maximize digital tools to reform our permitting system while saving federal dollars and reducing administrative barriers – cutting delays while bringing our system into the 21st century. We urge the Committee on Natural Resources to hold a hearing followed by a prompt markup of the *ePermit Act* to ensure timely consideration and robust stakeholder engagement.

Thank you again for your leadership and vision. We stand ready to support the advancement of H.R. 4503 and look forward to working with you to modernize federal permitting in a way that reflects both environmental responsibility and good governance.

Sincerely,

American Conservation Coalition Action

American Petroleum Institute

American Rivers Action Fund

Bipartisan Policy Center Action

C3 Solutions Action

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions
(C2ES)

Citizens for Responsible Energy
Solutions (CRES)

ClearPath Action

Environmental Policy Innovation Center

National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Home Builders

National Hydropower Association

The Breakthrough Institute

The Nature Conservancy

Third Way