

County Commission Letterhead

Honorable Daines, Sheehy, Downing, and Zinke
United States Congress
Washington, D.C. 20515

Date

Dear Representatives Downing and Zinke and Senators Daines and Sheehy:

Thank you for your leadership and service to our country. Our organization is a vital part of our community, with [# residents], and we are proud to call Montana home.

We're writing to urge you to support reforms that will allow America to build energy faster and smarter, while ensuring projects are done safely and with strong local engagement that encourages early consultation with local communities and stakeholders. As energy demand increases and costs rise, modernizing our permitting process is one of the most effective ways to deliver reliable, affordable energy to all Americans.

Meeting America's future energy needs will require doubling or even tripling transmission capacity. Permitting reform is a practical, bipartisan opportunity to accelerate this buildout and the critical energy projects waiting to be deployed. Done right, it will speed up good projects that reduce electricity bills, create good-paying jobs, and strengthen our nation's energy security. We need a process that moves quickly and responsibly, not one that stalls the progress we urgently need to meet energy demand.

We also need certainty so that there are clear, enforceable timelines for federal reviews and stable, predictable rules of the road.

Permitting reform is the next essential step in providing reliable, affordable energy and building a stronger, more resilient economy. We're asking you to please make permitting reform a top priority and enact a comprehensive permitting reform package in this Congress.

Sincerely,

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