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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of our respective industry associations which collectively produce 80% of our nation’s energy, we express our strong support for the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024 and thank you both for your tireless efforts and countless hours devoted to streamlining the federal permitting process for energy and mineral projects.

This comprehensive bill is a critical step forward in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of our nation’s energy and mineral development processes while still maintaining robust environmental protections and legal review standards that protect our public lands and waters.

If fully enacted, this legislation will reduce energy poverty for millions of American households. It will expand the broad energy portfolio and will ultimately allow the American energy industry to produce more of everything. This makes for sound energy policy.

The three key provisions we are particularly in support of include:

Judicial Review Efficiency: By establishing a 150-day statute of limitations and expediting court reviews, the bill ensures timely resolution of legal challenges without altering existing rights to seek judicial review. This measure will significantly reduce delays and provide greater certainty for project development.

Onshore Energy and Minerals Development: Accelerating leasing and permitting decisions on federal lands are vital. It is not just our industry that will benefit. By setting deadlines for renewable energy permitting, streamlining environmental reviews for low-disturbance projects, and modernizing geothermal and hardrock mining processes, we can improve and protect critical minerals supply chains and enhance our national security.

Offshore Energy Expansion: Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to conduct at least one offshore wind lease sale and one offshore oil and gas lease sale per year through 2029 will ensure continued development of both renewable and conventional energy resources. This provision is crucial to maintaining a balanced and resilient energy portfolio.

We believe these legislative enhancements will strengthen our nation's energy security, support economic growth, and promote sustainable development across all sectors of the energy and minerals industry.

We stand ready to advocate for the swift passage of this bill, which promises to unlock significant opportunities for innovation, investment, and job creation while upholding our commitment to environmental protection.

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter. We look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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US Oil & Gas Association
Gulf Energy Alliance
Independent Petroleum Association of America
International Association of Drilling Contractors
Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association
National Stripper Well Association
National Ocean Industries Association
Southeast Oil and Gas Association

Texas Alliance of Energy Producers
The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma
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