



What They Are Saying: ePermit Act

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA) and Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)

ClearPath

"Our outdated permitting process is incapable of meeting the challenge of rising demand," said Jeremy Harrell, CEO, ClearPath Action. "This bipartisan bill will ensure federal agencies leverage technology to speed up environmental reviews. It's a critical piece of the broader permitting reform necessary to let America build."

C2ES

"Energy and manufacturing infrastructure projects can take a decade or more to complete because of lengthy permitting timelines and litigation. Streamlining the environmental review process by moving it online, and across agencies, will provide a clear signal for when the public should engage constructively and will help project sponsors ensure accountability throughout the process. C2ES is happy to see the ePermit Act, championed by Reps. Dusty Johnson and Scott Peters, pass the full House of Representatives. This commonsense legislation is long overdue and moves permitting reform into the 21st century." - Nat Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

BPC Action

"BPC Action urges the House to pass the ePermit Act. The bill would optimize technology to modernize federal environmental review and permitting processes for infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, mines, factories, energy facilities, and more. It would provide greater transparency, efficiency, and predictability on environmental reviews and associated timelines for sponsors and stakeholders," says Michele Stockwell, president, BPC Action.

American Conservation Coalition (ACC) Action

"It's no secret that the current permitting process remains a major barrier to deploying the projects needed to secure America's energy and environmental future. By embracing today's technology, we can modernize the permitting system and accelerate project approvals through greater efficiency and transparency. The American Conservation Coalition Action and its members across the country commend this effort to bring environmental review into the 21st century." Chris Barnard, President, ACC Action



Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC)

“Using better technology to manage permitting decisions and data is one of the single most effective reforms open to policymakers - the ePermit Act will help make that happen. The ePermit Act cuts to the heart of what needs to change in government permitting processes. Our research suggests permitting modernization is one of the most (if not the most) effective means to achieve faster and easier permitting. We’ve seen analogous efforts to ePermit at state level achieve improvements to permit processing time by as much as 65%.”

Third Way

“Outdated permitting systems are holding back clean energy deployment, preventing the US from meeting surging load growth and reducing our economic competitiveness. Fixing them requires dragging these outdated processes into the 21st century. The bipartisan ePermit Act takes a big step forward by setting clear data standards and bringing much-needed transparency across agencies. Third Way applauds this smart, tech-driven effort to modernize permitting and get clean energy projects online faster.”
- Ryan Fitzpatrick, Senior Director of Domestic Policy for the Climate and Energy Program at Third Way.

Chamber of Commerce

“We applaud Representatives Dusty Johnson and Scott Peters for their innovative approach to modernizing the federal permitting process through the ePermit Act. By establishing a digital permitting portal and standardized data framework for permitting documents, this legislation will enhance clarity, uniformity, and efficiency across federal agencies. It will also improve transparency, facilitate real-time collaboration, and ensure better public access, ultimately streamlining the permitting process and our ability to develop critical infrastructure that will benefit Americans across the country.”

American Clean Power Association

“Time and time again, permitting delays slow down the domestic energy projects we need to meet America’s growing power demand. If we want to deliver reliable, affordable energy—and do it fast—we need a smarter, more efficient permitting process,” said Frank Macchiarola, ACP Chief Advocacy Officer. “ACP is encouraged by the bipartisan leadership from Representatives Johnson and Peters and look forward to collaborating to advance this innovative approach to improve federal permitting.”



National Association of Manufacturers

“H.R. 4503, the ePermit Act, would establish a framework for agencies to implement a digital permitting system and unified portal for project sponsors to share data and documentation for environmental reviews to be conducted by the Council of Environmental Quality and the heads of each Federal agency responsible for oversight of project permit applications. This bipartisan legislation will increase efficiency and transparency in the permitting process, eliminate duplicative red tape, and empower manufacturers to invest, grow, and create jobs.”

National Association of Homebuilders

“NAHB urges House passage of the ePermit Act, introduced by Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Scott Peters (D-CA). This legislation would address housing affordability challenges by improving and expediting the environmental review and permitting processes. Permitting roadblocks delay housing projects and raise construction costs. The ePermit Act will bring clarity, efficiency, and certainty to the permitting process by requiring the use of electronic permitting platforms.”

American Petroleum Institute (API)

"The American Petroleum Institute supports the ePermit Act as a critical step toward modernizing the nation's outdated permitting system. By improving the process and enhancing transparency through digital tools, this legislation will improve efficiency to support the energy projects we need to meet rising demand. We commend Representatives Peters and Johnson for their leadership in advancing American energy and for spearheading efforts to bring federal permitting into the 21st century." - API SVP of Federal Government Affairs Kristin Whitman

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

“The American Council of Engineering Companies, the business voice of the nation's engineering industry, supports passage of H.R. 4503, the ePermit Act and applauds Representatives Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Scott Peters (D-CA) for their leadership on this important bipartisan legislation. The ePermit Act will modernize how federal agencies use technology to facilitate more efficient and timely federal permitting decisions. If passed, the bill will help to cut red tape by enhancing transparency, improving stakeholder engagement, and facilitating efficient interagency collaboration.”



The Data Foundation

"The Data Foundation and our Data Coalition initiative support the ePermit Act, which builds on proven data modernization principles to address major infrastructure development challenges. Just as the Financial Data Transparency Act is transforming financial regulatory reporting through common data standards and interoperability requirements, the ePermit Act applies these same principles to environmental permitting processes. This bipartisan legislation demonstrates that better data infrastructure serves everyone—reducing compliance burdens on project sponsors, improving coordination across agencies, and enhancing public transparency and engagement. By requiring machine-readable formats, common identifiers, and unified digital portals, the bill addresses systemic inefficiencies without compromising environmental protections. We commend Representatives Johnson and Peters for their leadership and urge the full House to advance this important modernization effort." - Data Foundation President and CEO Nick Hart