



What They Are Saying: CERTAIN Act

Reps. Peters (D-CA), Evans (R-CO), Vasquez (D-NM), Garbarino (R-NY)

LIUNA

“LIUNA General President Brent Booker's statement on Representative's Peters and Evans' bill, Creating Expeditious Reviews to Transform American Infrastructure Now (CERTAIN) Act:

On behalf of the 530,000 members of LIUNA, I proudly support the CERTAIN Act. This is common sense policy for all of our nation's critical infrastructure projects and for the thousands of union members who build them. Revoking permits for both current and future projects only perpetuates chaos within the construction industry, upends good union jobs, and leaves our members without a paycheck.

For over a decade, LIUNA has supported permitting reform as our members, for too long, have suffered from the weaponization of its process. The CERTAIN Act rectifies this and provides certainty to project applications. We commend Congressmen Peters and Evans for this bill and urge it to be a part of any and all permitting reform legislation.”

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

“Abundant, affordable clean energy is the lifeblood of American prosperity. Growing energy demand represents a critical economic opportunity for the U.S., powering advanced manufacturing and breakthroughs in artificial intelligence. To seize that opportunity, we need to make it easier to build and invest in America — including by not allowing political favoritism to get in the way of timely reviews of permitting applications. C2ES applauds Representatives Peters and Evans for their leadership in developing a durable solution to this national imperative with the CERTAIN Act. We look forward to working with Congress to help unlock investments that can meet the moment and support a thriving and resilient American economy for the 21st century.” -- Nat Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)

“For America’s solar industry, permitting reform starts with permit certainty. Without action to address the ongoing moratorium on permitting of solar energy, the industry will continue to face significant barriers to deployment and investment at a time of skyrocketing energy demand. We thank Congressmen Peters and Evans for their work to keep fairness and certainty at the center of permitting negotiations.” - Abigail Ross Hopper, President and CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association



Advanced Energy United

“Advanced Energy United welcomes the bipartisan CERTAIN Act as a valuable addition to the debate around permitting reform in Congress. Representatives Peters and Evans have crafted a bill that comprehensively addresses the sources of uncertainty and instability in the federal permitting process. In particular we are encouraged that the bill seeks to establish specific deadlines and milestones for all federal permitting processes, rather than just some, creates clear legal remedies when these deadlines are missed, and gives welcome attention to capacity constraints at permitting agencies. As this debate moves forward, we hope lawmakers incorporate these important components into a comprehensive package - America won't achieve energy dominance without a holistic, technology-neutral solution to permitting instability.”

Chamber of Progress

“We won't bring energy costs down unless we build a lot more of every kind of energy. The CERTAIN Act offers serious, bipartisan ideas to give developers the certainty they need to invest, regardless of who is in the White House. It's an important contribution to the broader push for permitting reform.”

Environmental Policy Innovation Center

“EPIC is excited to see Representatives Evans and Peter take steps to make federal permitting processes more predictable. When government decision-making is predictable, it makes it straightforward and fairer for applicants. Those tenets are central to business operations, environmental protection, economic growth, and a healthy democracy.” - Dr. Timothy Male, Executive Director, EPIC (Environmental Policy Innovation Center)

The National Audubon Society

“The National Audubon Society commends Reps. Peters and Evans for their introduction of the CERTAIN Act,” said Sam Wojcicki, Senior Director of Climate Policy. “In our efforts to conserve critical habitats and protect birds, we work closely with project sponsors to ensure infrastructure is designed with conservation in mind throughout the permitting process. Project sponsors and the public deserve certainty that permits will be finalized in a timely manner and not reversed without sufficient cause, while also ensuring appropriate consideration of environmental impacts and requirements. Introduction of the CERTAIN Act is a positive first step towards legislation to address these issues, and we are encouraged that further bipartisan action will strengthen the bill and ensure permits recently revoked without cause are fully restored.”



The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

“The Nature Conservancy greatly appreciates the addition of the CERTAIN Act to the bipartisan permitting reform conversation. Smarter permitting and planning processes will help modernize our energy infrastructure, restore forests and waters and advance projects that benefit people and nature. When the permitting process is done right, there are fewer conflicts, reduced timelines and improved outcomes for communities and conservation. The ideas in the CERTAIN Act would make important progress toward these goals, and we look forward to building on this discussion.” - Laura Brannen, Federal Climate Policy Lead, The Nature Conservancy

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

“The IBEW's workforce provides certainty on jobs big and small, helping to ensure projects are done on time, on budget, and to the highest standards. Projects that are cut short by politics or delayed because of government red tape hurt skilled workers like those in the IBEW. It is only right for projects directed or supported by the government to be able to count on clear guidelines for review and approval. I applaud Reps. Peters and Evans for their efforts with the CERTAIN Act.” - Kenneth Cooper, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, International President

Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA)

“CEBA applauds Reps. Scott Peters and Gabe Evans for releasing their bipartisan CERTAIN Act discussion draft. If this country is going to meet this moment of growing energy demand, we must not let politics inhibit the private sector investments that will drive job creation and innovation. Bills like the CERTAIN Act would go a long way toward a fast and predictable permitting environment in the U.S. We call on House and Senate leadership to swiftly act on a comprehensive permitting and transmission legislative package to reform and depoliticize energy and infrastructure development in the U.S.”

The Breakthrough Institute (TBI)

“The Breakthrough Institute applauds Representative Scott Peters (D-CA) for introducing the Creating Expedient Reviews to Transform American Infrastructure Now (CERTAIN) Act. To ensure energy reliability and affordability and modernize our economy, America must be able to build at scale. This legislation provides the essential 'permitting certainty' that project developers and investors need to move forward without the threat of shifting political winds. Codifying technology-neutral standards to protect permits from administrative reversals is essential to end the tit-for-tat executive actions that stall critical infrastructure. We look forward to seeing Congress shape this legislation as a cornerstone of meaningful, bipartisan permitting reform so we can finally get America building again.”



American Rivers Action Fund

“American Rivers Action Fund welcomes the bipartisan commitment to improving our nation’s permitting system. We know communities, businesses, and ecosystems all benefit when reviews are timely, transparent, and fair. The CERTAIN Act discussion draft is an encouraging step toward building an enduring permitting framework that ensures efficiency does not come at the expense of environmental integrity or public trust. We look forward to continuing discussions with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to deliver a permitting process that balances much-needed development with the clean water we all depend on.” -- Tom Kiernan, President, American Rivers Action Fund