

What They Are Saying: CERTAIN Act

Reps. Peters (D-CA), Evans (R-CO), Vasquez (D-NM), Garbarino (R-NY), Gray (D-CA), Ciscomani (R-AZ), Houlahan (D-PA), Kiggans (R-VA)

Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) Action

“BPC Action applauds the bipartisan introduction of the CERTAIN Act, which would increase certainty in the federal permitting process and insulate projects from political interference. This is a cross-party issue that has affected a variety of infrastructure projects across multiple administrations, and measures to ensure permitting certainty will be critical to any comprehensive package. A more efficient and predictable permitting system will lead to greater energy affordability and reliability, and better outcomes for businesses, households, and the environment.” — Michele Stockwell, president of Bipartisan Policy Center Action (BPC Action).

National Association of Counties (NACO)

“Counties support the CERTAIN Act’s commonsense permitting reforms, which strengthen county involvement and guarantee counties a seat at the table during federal environmental reviews. The CERTAIN Act allows counties to serve as participating agencies, in recognition of county expertise, and emphasizes intergovernmental coordination. Counties thank Rep. Scott Peters and Rep. Gabe Evans for their bipartisan leadership and urge swift passage.” — National Association of Counties Executive Director Matthew Chase.

United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters

“In our industry, permitting uncertainty goes by another name: unemployment. The entire United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA), with our more than 396,000 members, is proud to support the bipartisan CERTAIN Act and its framework for meaningful change. We look forward to our continued work with Congress to finally enact long overdue permitting reform and ensure the future of American infrastructure is built by the best trained and most highly skilled workforce in the world - the men and women of the UA.”— Mark McManus, General President, United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA)

GPA Midstream Association

“GPA Midstream supports efforts like the CERTAIN Act that ensure federal permitting processes are clear, consistent, and timely. Midstream infrastructure is essential to delivering the reliable, affordable, and cleaner energy Americans and our allies abroad depend on every day. By providing transparency into the permitting process and emphasizing coordination between different agencies involved, the CERTAIN Act will reduce delays and further the critical energy projects needed.”

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

Geothermal Rising Action

"The CERTAIN Act addresses longstanding permitting breakdowns—unclear timelines, interagency delays, and political uncertainty. This is complementary to the SPEED Act and other sector-specific reforms already moving through Congress. We're pleased to support this bipartisan effort, which reflects exactly the kind of durable, bipartisan solution the geothermal industry needs. We commend Representatives Evans and Peters for advancing bipartisan permitting reform and look forward to continued engagement as the bill moves toward introduction." — Vanessa Robertson, Director of Policy and Education, Geothermal Rising Action

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

The Nature Conservancy

"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



Environmental Defense Fund

"The United States needs a permitting system that can keep pace with the critical clean energy infrastructure build-out required over the coming decades — one that also advances better results for communities and the environment. Meeting that goal will require giving federal agencies the resources and technical expertise they need to assess projects and programs effectively and respond in a timely manner. EDF thanks the bipartisan cosponsors of the CERTAIN Act for introducing legislation that informs the congressional conversation around how to build a modern permitting process. We look forward to working with lawmakers across the Capitol as they consider the CERTAIN Act and other components of a comprehensive permitting reform package."
— Joanna Slaney, VP of Political and Government Affairs

Solar Energy Industries Association

"For America's solar industry, permitting reform starts with permit certainty. Without action to address the slowdown of 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." — Erin Duncan, Vice President of Congressional Affairs at the Solar Energy Industries Association

American Public Works Association (APWA)

"Communities plan infrastructure projects years in advance—but permitting delays can derail those plans overnight. When projects stall, costs rise and communities are forced to delay or cancel other critical needs. The CERTAIN Act brings much-needed predictability to the process, helping ensure infrastructure projects are delivered on time, on budget, and for the public good."

Advanced Energy United

"Advanced Energy United is proud to endorse the bipartisan CERTAIN Act. We commend the efforts of Representatives Peters and Evans in crafting a thoughtful, comprehensive proposal that emphasizes fairness and accountability in the broken federal permitting process. Across administrations, energy projects have been stymied by opaque, politicized, and seemingly endless bureaucratic processes holding them in limbo. Advanced energy is easily deployable, affordable, and ready to meet this moment of unprecedented growth in energy demand – yet unnecessary red tape is holding these projects back. As negotiations on a broader permitting package continue, we strongly encourage lawmakers to incorporate the key tenets of the CERTAIN Act. America cannot achieve energy dominance without a holistic, technology-neutral solution to the permitting instability plaguing the industry." — Dylan Reed, Managing Director, Advanced Energy United

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)

“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)

Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA)

“CEBA applauds Reps. Scott Peters and Gabe Evans for releasing their bipartisan CERTAIN Act. 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.”

Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (Ceres)

“Rising energy demand, an aging grid, and new barriers to infrastructure deployment are threatening affordability and American economic competitiveness. Ceres commends the leadership of Reps. Peters and Evans, along with Reps. Garbarino, Vasquez, Ciscomani, and Gray, in advancing bipartisan solutions to reduce costs for American businesses and families by unleashing affordable, reliable, homegrown clean energy. By eliminating unnecessary hurdles and ensuring fair, efficient reviews, the CERTAIN Act would provide the private sector with the confidence needed to unlock capital and ensure projects move forward at the pace America needs to win the AI race and accelerate advanced manufacturing and electrification. Congress must seize the momentum and pass legislation that includes critical reforms for permit certainty, transmission planning, and grid modernization in 2026.” — Zach Friedman, senior director, federal policy, Ceres.

American Clean Power Association

“Thank you for advancing the permitting reform discussion. As the U.S. experiences major and rapid rising electricity demand, we need to start building again – new energy generation, transmission and infrastructure. This is key to ensuring lower costs for American families and businesses.” — Frank J. Macchiarola, Chief Advocacy Officer

American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE)

"The bipartisan CERTAIN Act introduced by Reps. Peters and Evans is a thoughtful and important proposal for modernizing our federal permitting laws to meet America's need for affordable, reliable, secure electricity resources. America's electricity system, which has been built over the past century, has served as the backbone of our national security, technological capacity, and economic prosperity and is in need of substantial upgrades to meet current needs. Recent forecasts indicate that to keep our economy strong, secure, and innovative, we will need the equivalent of 15 New York Cities' worth of new electricity on the grid in the next four years. The clean energy sector is meeting this challenge with over 90% of new electricity generation installed in 2025 represented by affordable, reliable electricity produced in communities across the United States. An even playing field for all technologies will allow the most cost-effective and reliable resources to continue to compete and win, driving down costs for consumers and strengthening our overall resource base." — Ray Long, President and CEO, ACORE

Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)

"The bipartisan CERTAIN Act provides the stability needed to modernize our grid and support the resurgence of domestic manufacturing. By protecting permits from shifting political winds and establishing clear timelines, this legislation eliminates the regulatory uncertainty that currently drives up costs for large electricity consumers and hinders US economic growth." — Karen Onaran, President and CEO, Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)

Mechanical Contractors of America (MCAA)

"The 'CERTAIN Act' brings long overdue predictability and accountability to the federal permitting process while preserving strong environmental protections. By establishing enforceable timelines, improving interagency coordination, and strengthening permitting capacity, this legislation will enable critical infrastructure and energy projects to move forward on time, on budget, and with greater regulatory certainty for employers and workers across the country. MCAA appreciates the leadership of Reps. Peters and Evans and their colleagues for developing this balanced and comprehensive legislation." — Tim Brink, CEO of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)

Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)

"Citizens' Climate commends Representatives Scott Peters and Gabe Evans for their bipartisan leadership in introducing the CERTAIN Act. Without greater certainty in the permitting process, the clean energy projects needed to cut emissions and meet demand will continue to face costly delays. This bill makes meaningful progress toward a more predictable system and represents a critical piece of the comprehensive permitting reforms needed to accelerate responsible clean energy development." — Jennifer Tyler, VP Gov Affairs, Citizens' Climate Lobby

The Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance (SWACCA)

“We applaud the leadership of Representatives Peters and Evans in developing the ‘CERTAIN Act’ to respond to the urgent need for comprehensive and bipartisan solutions to address the challenges imposed by existing federal project review and permitting processes. Infrastructure development has always been central to America’s economic growth and job creation. Yet too often projects are cancelled because of the delays and costs resulting from extended, duplicative permitting processes and years of related litigation. By taking an ‘all-of-the-above’ approach to permitting reform, the CERTAIN Act will restore certainty and predictability for project sponsors, encourage new investment, and support expanded opportunities for American businesses and workers committed to ensuring our nation has the infrastructure required for our economy to flourish.” — Shawn Burnum, President of the Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance (SWACCA)

National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA)

"Permitting has long been a challenge for infrastructure owners and builders throughout the nation. We have seen numerous projects stifled by arbitrary environmental reviews and lawsuits for decades leading to increased costs and endless delays. NAPA is excited to see Rep. Scott Peters and Rep. Gabe Evans take bipartisan action to mitigate these unnecessary delays by introducing the CERTAIN Act. With the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization, it is imperative that we pass meaningful permitting reform to ensure our precious highway funding dollars reach their full potential and deliver meaningful road projects for communities across our nation."

Third Way

“It’s no secret that federal infrastructure permitting is broken. Whether it’s renewables, a gas pipeline, or transmission, energy project developers must have a clear and workable process to follow—and the confidence that federal agencies will administer that process efficiently and fairly. We commend Representatives Peters and Evans for advancing effective, commonsense solutions in permitting reform discussions, like instilling firmer timelines for agency action, encouraging stronger coordination between agencies, and clarifying the process to quickly resolve disputes. These changes will provide much-needed predictability and help ensure American families and businesses have access to affordable, reliable energy.” — Ryan Fitzpatrick, Vice President of Climate and Energy

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

“The CERTAIN Act delivers much-needed reform to the open-ended and unpredictable regulatory process that often plagues U.S. infrastructure projects. By setting firm deadlines for federal permitting decisions and environmental reviews and requiring expedited judicial review, this legislation reduces unnecessary delays that stall construction,” — Kristen Swearingen, vice president of government affairs at Associated Builders and Contractors.

New American Industrial Alliance (NAIA)

"Whether it's the difficulty in starting projects or sudden cancellations, American builders know our permitting system is in desperate need of reform. The bipartisan CERTAIN Act would take the first step to fixing some of these problems by establishing a coordination framework for multi-agency projects, removing unnecessary delays, and tightly limiting the parameters under which projects can be cancelled. On behalf of all those looking to build in America, we thank Rep. Peters and Rep. Evans for their bipartisan leadership on this effort."

Quotes of support were received from the following organizations on the CERTAIN Act discussion draft

Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)

“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.” — LIUNA General President Brent Booker

American Petroleum Institute

“Permitting reform must deliver real decision durability, and we commend Reps. Scott Peters and Gabe Evans for their bipartisan leadership on this issue. Projects that have completed lawful reviews shouldn't be vulnerable to arbitrary reversals. Durable, predictable decisions are essential to restoring certainty, unlocking investment and building the energy infrastructure America needs.”— SVP of Federal Relations Kristin Whitman, American Petroleum Institute

Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

"The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America appreciates the leadership of Representatives Peters and Evans for working in a bipartisan manner to advance permitting predictability as part of a comprehensive permitting reform proposal. Permit certainty is essential to the natural gas pipeline sector, where projects undergo extensive environmental review and rigorous safety oversight prior to construction. Ensuring that once a project has satisfied all applicable federal and state requirements it can proceed without undue delay is essential to maintaining a reliable, affordable and sustainable energy system."

National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)

"NOIA strongly supports comprehensive permitting reform that delivers durable certainty for all forms of offshore energy, including oil and gas, offshore wind, carbon capture and storage, ocean mineral exploration, and emerging technologies. We commend Representatives Scott Peters, Gabe Evans, Andrew Garbarino, and Gabe Vasquez for their bipartisan leadership on the CERTAIN Act, which protects lawfully issued permits. Clear, durable, and predictable permitting decisions are essential to restoring investor confidence, unlocking capital across the full spectrum of energy resources, accelerating development, and building the reliable, offshore energy infrastructure America needs for energy security, economic growth, and affordability." — National Ocean Industries Association President Erik Milito

The National Audubon Society

"The National Audubon Society commends Reps. Peters and Evans for their introduction of the CERTAIN Act. 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." — Sam Wojcicki, Senior Director of Climate Policy

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

The Breakthrough Institute

“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.”

North America’s Building Trades Unions

"Certainty is what our members need. It’s what our three million working members deserve. They’ve fulfilled their end of the bargain by training and being ready to build projects across the country. In return, they expect the federal government to uphold its promises by allowing fully permitted projects to move forward. The CERTAIN Act is a strong step towards stabilizing the construction industry by inhibiting the ability for the permitting process to be further distorted to stall, block, or otherwise kill a fully permitted project.” — North America’s Building Trades Unions President Sean McGarvey

Chamber of Commerce

“By establishing permit certainty, the CERTAIN Act provides the assurance investors need to move forward with confidence, knowing that once a project has earned its approvals, it won’t be derailed by shifting priorities or new legal challenges. We applaud the bipartisan leadership of Representatives Peters, Evans, Garbarino, and Vasquez with these commonsense reforms so we can unlock private capital, lower energy costs, and deliver the modern, reliable infrastructure that drives economic growth, strengthens communities, and ensures America’s competitiveness.” — Marty Durbin, U.S. Chamber of Commerce