



Statement of Support for H.R. 3898, the PERMIT Act

On behalf of the Forest Landowners Association, I write to express our support for H.R. 3898, the Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act.

Private forest landowners, many of whom are multi-generational family businesses, are long-term stewards of the land. These landowners actively manage their working forests to remain healthy and productive so they can continue to provide clean air, fresh water, wildlife habitat, and a strong, reliable domestic supply of timber. This stewardship ethic is rooted in generational responsibility and sustained management, not short-term interests.

The PERMIT Act takes important steps to reduce regulatory uncertainty under the Clean Water Act while maintaining core environmental protections. By improving transparency, clarifying permitting requirements, and setting reasonable timelines, the bill provides landowners with greater confidence and predictability when managing their land. Regulatory clarity allows forest landowners to plan, invest, and implement best management practices that protect water quality and forest health.

Allowing landowners to manage their forests to the best of their abilities, without unnecessary or duplicative permitting obstacles, will only strengthen their ability to be better stewards of the land. We believe the PERMIT Act strikes a responsible balance that supports clean water goals while recognizing the practical realities faced by those working on the land every day.

We appreciate the House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee's leadership on this issue and urge continued support for H.R. 3898.

Sincerely,

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