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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act.

Nearly 13 million men and women make things in America, earning on average more than \$102,000 per year and generating nearly \$3 trillion in GDP. Our industry also has one of the largest multiplier effects of all sectors of the economy. For every one worker in manufacturing, 4.8 jobs are added to the overall economy. When manufacturing wins, America wins.

Manufacturers are building the case for commonsense permitting reforms as part of a comprehensive manufacturing strategy that will unleash American competitiveness. In a 2024 survey of manufacturers, 72 percent of respondents said that the length and complexity of the permitting process affected their investment decisions.¹ If we want to grow America's economy, we need to fix this broken system.

The PERMIT Act adopts the NAM's key recommendations to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for modernization of regulatory authorities under the Clean Water Act—reforms that are critical to manufacturers' ability to build, expand and hire in America.² These include proposals to increase certainty for permittees and clarify the scope of the CWA.

Manufacturers commend leaders on the Committee for putting forward this important legislation and urge members to vote "yes."

Thank you for your consideration.

¹ National Association of Manufacturers, NAM Manufacturers' Outlook Survey, First Quarter 2024 (March 5, 2024), available at <https://nam.org/2024-first-quarter-manufacturers-outlook-survey/>.

² *America Builds: Clean Water Permitting and Project Delivery* Hearing before Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, 119th Cong. (2025) (statement of Noah Hanners, Executive Vice President, Nucor Corporation, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles F. Crain". The script is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a distinct "F".

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