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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the members of The Fertilizer Institute (TFI), I write in support of H.R. 3898, the Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act. TFI urges the full House to swiftly pass this important and much needed legislation.

H.R. 3989 advances a set of practical reforms designed to enhance clarity, consistency, transparency, and fairness within the Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting process without compromising the statute's essential safeguards for water quality and natural resources. Improving the efficiency of the CWA permitting process is an essential step in advancing the development of new and expanded fertilizer production operations, fertilizer distribution and retail facilities, and the transportation infrastructure that is needed to get fertilizer from production locations to farms for application. H.R. 3989 advances this priority while also addressing other issues that impact farmers and the agriculture community, including codifying longstanding exclusions from the definition of "waters of the United States."

TFI strongly supports smart policies that enable and promote expanded domestic fertilizer production, including the common-sense provisions in the PERMIT Act to cut red tape and streamline federal permitting and regulatory reviews under the CWA. TFI members have faced significant uncertainty and delays related to obtaining CWA permits for expanding production operations — from phosphate mines to nitrogen production plants — even as they employ water quality and environmental protection measures that go beyond government requirements. H.R. 3989 would provide important guardrails and regulatory certainty to the scope and timeline of the CWA permitting process. This is a positive step for the U.S. fertilizer industry and is especially good news for U.S. farmers as they continue to face challenging economic conditions.

TFI looks forward to working with you, the members of the House, and your counterparts in the Senate to enact permitting reform legislation in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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The Fertilizer Institute