

June 26, 2020

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Crawford
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
United State House of Representatives
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Dear Ranking Members Graves and Crawford:

The House of Representatives will soon debate H.R. 2, the *Moving Forward Act*. Everyone agrees addressing America's infrastructure will help provide a strong economic recovery. We are thankful for the committee's dedication to this cause and the many provisions within the bill that will further infrastructure improvements and developments. However, pipeline infrastructure projects requiring permits cannot be expedited without provisions that will reduce unnecessary permitting delays standing in the way of putting America back to work.

The intentions of H.R. 2 or any new infrastructure program cannot provide their benefits as soon as we need them if federal reviews of proposed infrastructure projects take five or more years to complete. Congress can take further steps to make project permitting more efficient and predictable. Language you proposed in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup of this bill provided for efficient environmental reviews that set reasonable requirements for the vast majority of projects. Your proposals would ensure both fulsome and timely reviews and allow for more expansive requirements when appropriate. We urge you to again promote these permitting streamlining proposals as the full House considers this legislation.

While your Committee focused its markup primarily on surface transportation, H.R. 2 addresses a broad range of infrastructure which would also benefit from permitting improvements, as would pipeline projects. The time is right for Congress to offer the broadest help possible for projects that will put America back to work.

Sincerely,

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American Petroleum Institute
American Public Gas Association
Association of Oil Pipe Lines
GPA Midstream Association
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America