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ClearPath Action Applauds Senate Vote to Advance Bipartisan Permitting Reform and Lower Energy Costs

Washington, DC – Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – ClearPath Action released the following statement applauding the U.S. Senate's 73-25 bipartisan vote to begin debate on the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (S. 5653).

"Americans made it clear last week that they want lower energy bills. Last night, 73 senators answered," said **ClearPath Action CEO Jeremy Harrell**. "This is an affordability bill. It gets power plants, transmission lines and mines built faster. It keeps an approved project approved. It makes data centers pay for the grid upgrades they need so families don't foot the bill."

"We thank Senate leadership and Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Mike Lee (R-UT), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) for the years of work behind this agreement," **Harrell added**. "The House already voted for permitting reform when it passed the SPEED Act last December. With only weeks left in the 119th Congress, the Senate should hold this deal together and pass it. Congress should not wait until 2027 to deliver."

ClearPath Action endorsed the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act. The bill would:

- **Set clear deadlines** for federal environmental reviews, so every type of energy project has a predictable path from application to approval.
- **Make approvals durable** by reforming judicial review, so permitted projects aren't reopened by litigation or political pressure years later.
- **Modernize the grid and protect ratepayers** by improving transmission planning and requiring large data centers to cover the costs of serving them.

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