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LARGE PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL

Tom Falcone
President

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-154 The Capitol
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, and Minority Leaders Schumer and Jeffries:

On behalf of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC), we write to express our support for bipartisan permitting reform and the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (BAAJA), as improved by the manager's amendment. LPPC represents the nation's largest not-for-profit public power utilities. Together, our members serve 30.5 million people and support 648,000 jobs. Over the next decade, they will invest more than $166 billion in infrastructure, growing the generating capacity they own or contract for from 109 to 168 gigawatts and expanding their high-voltage transmission to more than 50,000 miles by 2036. Those projects depend on a faster, more predictable permitting process.

We appreciate the leadership of Senators Capito, Lee, Whitehouse, and Heinrich throughout the process and their willingness to work with LPPC and our members. In particular, we appreciate the attention the manager's amendment gives to public power, recognizing the local, not-for-profit governance that keeps public power accountable to the communities we serve.

America needs to build energy infrastructure faster to meet growing electricity demand, strengthen reliability, and keep electricity affordable for customers. BAAJA would make federal permitting more timely and predictable while preserving environmental protections and opportunities for public engagement, and its hydropower, nuclear, and federal power marketing administration provisions will help our members build and operate the infrastructure our communities need.

As the legislation moves forward, LPPC looks forward to working closely with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of the Treasury, and other stakeholders to implement it in the best interests of customers. Our priority will be to ensure that implementation honors the choices the bill gives public power, supports cost-effective

transmission that delivers value for customers, ensures that data centers pay the costs of serving them, and allows public power to serve new large loads without putting at risk the tax-exempt financing that keeps electricity affordable for our customers.

LPPC appreciates the bipartisan work reflected in this legislation and urges Congress to enact it before the end of the 119th Congress. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration to implement reforms that allow America to build the infrastructure we need for our economy, our national security, and our communities.

Sincerely,

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Colorado Springs Utilities
CPS Energy
ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc.
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JEA
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MEAG Power
Nashville Electric Service
Nebraska Public Power District
New York Power Authority
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Platte River Power Authority
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