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**The Honorable Joseph Manchin III, Chairman**  
**The Honorable John Barrasso, Ranking Member**  
**U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee**  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: S. 4753 Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024**

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of the Niskanen Center, I am writing to express our strong support for the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024. This bipartisan legislation represents a crucial step forward in securing America's energy future. This bill will modernize and streamline the federal planning and permitting process for domestic energy projects.

The Energy Permitting Reform Act will accelerate the construction of critical energy infrastructure, spanning both traditional and renewable sources, by reducing the procedural burdens that have hindered development. By streamlining the permitting processes, the legislation equips agencies with additional tools needed to complete their work while maintaining strong environmental standards.

Reducing unnecessary delays will empower states and federal agencies to promote timely and responsible energy project development, boosting and diversifying America's domestic energy production, and strengthening American economic competitiveness. And by reforming the permitting process for transmission and establishing categorical exclusions for geothermal exploration, this bill will lead to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that outweigh any emissions increases from higher oil and liquified natural gas production caused by the bill.

We commend your leadership in crafting a pragmatic, bipartisan solution to the challenges facing our permitting process. We are confident that with your strong leadership, the Energy Permitting Reform Act can become law. We strongly encourage your colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to add their support to this bill.

Sincerely,



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