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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
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221 The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, and Minority Leaders Schumer and Jeffries:

On behalf of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and America's investor-owned electric companies, we write to express our support for bipartisan permitting reform and the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA), as improved by the Substitute Amendment. We serve more than 250 million customers across the United States and operate the nation's grid — the backbone of our economy — to deliver reliable power to families, businesses, and communities every day.

We appreciate the leadership that the bipartisan drafters have demonstrated throughout the process and their willingness to work with EEI and our member companies to strengthen and clarify BAAJA. In particular, we appreciate the meaningful clarifications reflected in the Substitute Amendment to help ensure local planning oversight works as intended; to preserve our ability to respond quickly to meet critical customer needs; and to avoid duplicative planning requirements and support the construction of efficient and cost-effective infrastructure to serve customers.

America needs to build energy infrastructure faster to meet growing electricity demand, strengthen reliability, support economic growth, and make electricity more affordable for customers. A more predictable and efficient permitting process is an important part of meeting that challenge.

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As the legislation moves forward, EEI looks forward to working closely with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, state regulators, policymakers, and other stakeholders to facilitate implementation that is in the best interests of customers. Our priority will be to ensure that new transmission requirements strengthen the grid, protect reliability, shield existing customers from costs that should be paid by data centers, build on the considerable expertise of grid planners and state and local leaders, and support regulatory certainty so that we can continue to build for the future.

EEI appreciates the bipartisan work reflected in this legislation. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration to advance permitting reform that allows America to build the strong grid we need for our economy, national security, and communities.

Sincerely,



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