



May 18, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), I write in support of provisions in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14, which would expedite permitting timelines and judicial reviews and lessen the tax liability for energy infrastructure.

INGAA's member companies, which remain integral to efforts to expand energy infrastructure to strengthen America's economy and national security, transport most of the natural gas consumed in the United States through a network of approximately 200,000 miles of interstate transmission pipelines. Our large capacity, critical infrastructure systems span multiple states or regions and deliver natural gas to local distribution companies, electricity generators, industrial manufacturers, and LNG export facilities.

Clear, predictable infrastructure permitting processes remain instrumental to achieving our shared energy, economic, security, and environmental objectives. As energy demand continues to escalate, additional pipeline capacity will be needed to move natural gas from production centers to consumers, ensuring access, affordability, and reliability. Unfortunately, the current process to site and approve new and expanded infrastructure remains cumbersome, often stalling projects for years with duplicative reviews, unnecessarily burdensome approvals, and unending legal challenges.

To address these inefficiencies, H. Con. Res. 14 would provide energy infrastructure developers with more certainty related to National Environmental Policy Act reviews and authorizations under the Natural Gas Act. By allowing applicants to pay voluntary fees to expedite select environmental reviews and public interest determination deadlines, these complementary reforms would encourage needed investment in new natural gas pipeline capacity and other linear infrastructure. Importantly, these reforms establish reasonable safeguards to ensure that only the individuals affected by a project can challenge it, not national organizations seeking to use litigation and delay to advance a specific policy agenda. The measures would remove the most common source of multi-year delays and costly vacatur that have plagued critical energy infrastructure projects.

In addition, H. Con. Res 14 would incentivize natural gas pipeline infrastructure investments to drive economic growth by renewing 100-percent bonus depreciation and enhanced interest

deductibility. As a capital-intensive industry with extended project lead times, the natural gas sector benefits from provisions that allow immediate bonus depreciation. The ability to completely deduct the cost of making acquisitions of all new and used equipment reduces the average cost of capital across all business investments and spurs activities that might otherwise be delayed until later years. Debt financing also plays a vital role in supporting the natural gas sector. Many of our member companies borrow funds to finance investments in equipment and facilities. Enhanced interest deductibility affords them flexibility to continue borrowing at higher interest rates.

INGAA and the companies we represent urge Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to enact H. Con. Res. 14 and other energy infrastructure permitting and tax reforms to continue delivering the advantages of natural gas to the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Andryszak", written in a cursive style.

Amy Andryszak
President & CEO
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America