



December 14, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business voice of the nation’s engineering industry – supports amendment of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to include the Building American Energy Security Act of 2022 (BAESA). BAESA would advance the nation’s energy security by accelerating the permitting of energy and mineral infrastructure without bypassing environmental law or community input.

Passage of the BAESA will remove barriers and unnecessary delays in permitting critical energy infrastructure for the clients we serve. BAESA would move towards modernization of key permitting laws that hinder progress on decarbonization, electrification, and hydrogen development. BAESA would enhance delivery of the infrastructure envisioned under the Energy Act of 2020, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

For these reasons, ACEC urges you and your colleagues to expeditiously enact BAESA into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Bauer Darr
President & CEO