



November 21, 2024

Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso,

IEEE-USA is pleased to offer its support for S. 4753, the *Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024* and appreciates your bipartisan leadership on critical energy policy issues.

IEEE-USA represents nearly 150,000 individual power, electronics, aeronautics, computer engineers and other professionals – including over 200 in WV and 100 in WY - involved in the production, use, and improvement of technology in the United States. Our members include many of our country's leading innovators, entrepreneurs, and creators of the technologies that defines our modern society. We are pleased to offer our support for S. 4753 to help improve the nation's transmission planning, which is crucial for maintaining the nation's electrical grid's reliability and affordability as energy demands increase. This bill is a significant step towards addressing several key transmission barriers that are currently impeding the market, thereby paving the way for a more efficient and reliable energy sector.

We have long supported legislation that encourages modernizing the nation's electrical grid as we continue to see energy demand increase. Today's electric grid faces challenges as it transitions to a more modern infrastructure that meets our current and emerging needs. The grid must become more sustainable, resilient, and flexible as well as remaining affordable to all customers.

We share the concerns that the current federal permitting process has hindered advancing new energy infrastructure projects over the past several years. This bill will help strengthen our national grid to support expected energy increases as industries continue to move towards electrification and increased manufacturing investment due to investments from the federal government.

We are deeply grateful for your leadership on this matter and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with you to ensure the successful passage of this crucial legislation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ryan Cunius at rcunius@ieee.org or (202) 530-8336.

Sincerely,

Keith Moore
IEEE-USA President