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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen and Members of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national construction industry trade association with 68 chapters representing more than 23,000 member companies, I write in support of several bills introduced by members of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

ABC believes that these bills, if enacted, will go a long way toward eliminating unnecessary delays that cause budget overruns in construction. Creating a coordinated, predictable and transparent process to streamline permitting will enable the industry to plan and execute even the most complex projects while safeguarding our communities, maintaining a healthy environment and being good stewards of public funds.

The Nationwide Permitting Improvement Act seeks to codify longstanding interpretations and practices concerning Nationwide Permits, offering clarity on several contentious

that permit holders are shielded from liability as long as they adhere to the terms of their NPDES permits and provide relevant information during the application process.

ABC urges the committee