



October 15, 2026

Hon. Shelley Moore Capito
Hon. Mike Lee
Hon. Sheldon Whitehouse
Hon. Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for S. 5653, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026

Dear Senators Capito, Lee, Whitehouse, and Heinrich:

On behalf of the Border Trade Alliance (BTA), we write to express our support for S. 5653, the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026. We commend your bipartisan leadership in advancing reforms that will help modernize America's infrastructure and strengthen our economic competitiveness.

Since 1986, the BTA has been dedicated to promoting international trade and improving the efficiency of commerce across our nation's borders. Our members understand the importance of modern infrastructure to the movement of goods, the competitiveness of American businesses, and the strength of our trading relationships with Canada and Mexico.

Lengthy and unpredictable federal permitting processes can delay critical infrastructure investments, including improvements to highways, bridges, and other transportation facilities that support cross-border commerce. By establishing more efficient and predictable environmental reviews while maintaining important environmental protections, S. 5653 represents a meaningful step toward addressing these challenges.

As the United States works to strengthen its supply chains and expand economic opportunities, we must ensure that infrastructure projects can advance without unnecessary delays. We believe the reforms contemplated in this legislation can help achieve that goal.

Thank you again for your bipartisan leadership. The Border Trade Alliance is pleased to support S. 5653 and we encourage Congress to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Pete Sepulveda, Jr.
Chairman

Britton Mullen
President