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NUCA Applauds Introduction of Senate Permitting Reform Legislation

*America's Utility Construction Industry Strongly
Supports Sen. Barrasso and Capito Permit Reform Legislation,
Urges Bipartisan Compromise To Be Sought*

(Fairfax, Va.) – *The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement on the introduction of the "SPUR Act" and the "RESTART Act":*

"Fixing the broken permitting process used to build our nation's infrastructure projects should be a top priority for Congress. Too many of our industry's projects run into seemingly endless delays caused by uncertain timelines, driving up costs. Our industry welcomes Senators Capito and Barrasso's bold legislation that will provide clear timelines for the permit process and also writing into law several much-needed reforms."

"Other reform bills include Sen. Manchin's "Building American Energy Security Act," legislation that also includes similar permitting reforms, which is supported by the Biden White House. All of this legislation should lead to a bill that streamlines today's federal permitting process, which our industry recognizes is in dire need of reform. We believe that all of these bills can build the foundation for compromises for final legislation that will be satisfactory to all stakeholders and meet the needs of American utility infrastructure."

"NUCA and our members strongly support Senate action on permitting reform legislation and urge passage of a strong and bipartisan permitting reform package as soon as possible."

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and

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