



601 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20004  
www.eeia.org

Toby Mack, President & CEO

November 19, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**EXPRESSING EEIA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PERMITTING REFORM ACT (H.R.1900)**

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

I am writing to express the Energy Equipment & Infrastructure Alliance's (EEIA) strong support for the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act (H.R. 1900).

EEIA represents equipment manufacturing and distribution companies, contractors, material suppliers, organized labor, and their trade organizations, that provide equipment, materials, services and workers to shale oil and gas exploration and production, transportation and processing--the shale energy supply chain.

America is going through a natural gas revolution. Shale energy is sparking a widespread boom in manufacturing, distribution and support of the capital equipment used in production, transportation and processing of natural gas, crude oil and other liquids, as well as in the construction of facilities and support infrastructure required by shale energy operations. Unfortunately, pipeline permitting delays cause inefficiencies, missed deadlines, and increased project costs while threatening jobs and economic growth.

H.R. 1900 would streamline the natural gas pipeline permitting process, limiting unnecessary bureaucratic delay and red tape. Specifically, the legislation requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to render permitting decisions within one year of when they are received, and directs any and all relevant government agencies to issue the appropriate licenses and permits within 90 days of FERC's decision.

IHS Global Insight has estimated that between now and 2025, 47,000 miles of new pipelines will be built in the United States to connect increasing production of shale gas and oil to industrial and consumer end markets, representing \$100 billion investment. However, future economic activity isn't guaranteed and is, in fact, vulnerable to misguided government policies. H.R. 1900 is commonsense legislation that will help ensure the continued growth and prosperity of an important and essential segment of the nation's economy.

EEIA strongly supports the H.R. 1900 and urges bipartisan support when on the House floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Mack", written in a cursive style.

Toby Mack  
President & CEO

**EEIA Supply Chain Partners**

American Rental Association • American Road and Transportation Builders Association • American Supply Association • Associated Equipment Distributors • Associated General Contractors of America • Association of Equipment Manufacturers • Distribution Contractors Association • International Union of Operating Engineers • Laborers International Union of North America • Metals Service Center Institute • National Association of Chemical Distributors • National Stone Sand and Gravel Association • National Utility Contractors Association • Portland Cement Association • U.S. Chamber of Commerce