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STATEMENT: DAVID BERNHARDT ON THE UNITED STATES SENATE'S PERMITTING REFORM PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, the America First Policy Institute (AFPI) released the following statement from **David Bernhardt, Chair of the Center for American Freedom at AFPI and former Secretary of the Interior**, on the Revitalizing the Economy by Simplifying Timelines and Assuring Regulatory Transparency (RESTART) Act, and the Spur Permitting of Underdeveloped Resources (SPUR) Act, which were both recently introduced in the Senate. These acts would reform the broken permitting process and unleash domestic energy production.

"Senator Barrasso and Senator Capito's common sense legislation would help reform the broken bureaucratic permitting process that is stifling American innovation, businesses, and consumers. Extreme environmental activists within the leviathan bureaucracy are holding the American economy hostage by killing off critical infrastructure projects with an endless sea of litigation and job-killing red tape.

This vital legislation would help to unleash American energy and lower prices for hardworking Americans who are being crushed by the Biden Administration's war on American energy."

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