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April 29, 2019

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
Committee on Homeland Security  
& Governmental Affairs  
U.S. Senate  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
Committee on Homeland Security  
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U.S. Senate  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Portman and Ranking Member Carper:

Western Governors support the creation of more efficient infrastructure permitting and environmental review processes without shortening timelines for state input and consultation, or compromising natural resource, wildlife, environmental, or cultural values. The Governors have urged the Administration to use its analysis of federal permitting and review processes as an opportunity to strengthen the state-federal relationship.

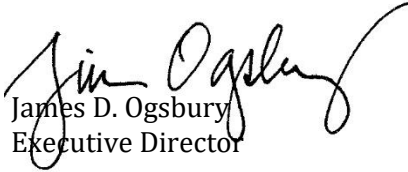
Thank you for examining federal infrastructure permitting in your May 2, 2019 hearing. To inform the Committee's consideration of this important topic, I request that the Committee include the following attachments in the permanent record of the hearing:

- WGA Policy Resolution [2018-15](#), *Modernizing Western Infrastructure*;
- WGA Policy Resolution [2018-06](#), *Transportation Infrastructure in the Western United States*;
- WGA Policy Resolution [2017-01](#), *Building a Stronger State-Federal Relationship*;
- The Governors' [April 8, 2019 letter](#) to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the U.S. Department of Transportation requesting consultation with states in the review of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes;
- The Governors' [February 8, 2019 letter](#) to CEQ on its proposed NEPA revisions and the implementation of the One Federal Decision Policy;
- The Governors' [October 10, 2018 letter](#) to CEQ and other Administration officials regarding the One Federal Decision Policy and other infrastructure plans;
- The Governors' [August 3, 2018 comments](#) on CEQ's potential revisions to make the administration of NEPA more efficiently, timely, and effective; and
- The Governors' [November 28, 2017 letter](#) urging CEQ to strengthen the state-federal relationship through its work to modernize federal environmental reviews.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Attachments