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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: *S. 4753: Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024*

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

I am writing in support of permitting reform.

bp has a larger economic footprint in the US than anywhere else in the world. In 2023, the US accounted for nearly half of bp's global investment. Today, we employ more than 30,000 people and support more than 300,000 jobs.

We're proud to be a trusted partner for secure, safe, affordable and reliable energy. As bp transitions from an international oil company to an integrated energy company, we're producing and investing in more of the energy the world needs today and wants for tomorrow.

To help propel this transformation forward, we believe meaningful reform of the permitting process can and should be done. Without undermining protections for the environment and communities. The *Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024* takes just such a pragmatic approach, as evidenced by the bipartisan support for the bill from the Senate Committee on the Environment & Natural Resources. Common sense, bipartisan, bicameral permitting reform will support efforts to meet the growing demand for energy across the country.

We applaud the effort that Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso have put toward these goals. We are encouraged that Congress continues to advance legislation to streamline federal permitting processes, accelerate the buildout of needed energy infrastructure, and create more certainty in the schedule of offshore energy lease sales.

bp is committed to working constructively with Congress in an effort to pass bipartisan permitting reform this year.

Kind Regards,

/s/ David Woodruff

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Ranking Member John Barrasso