

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Vote NO on H.R. 3898, PERMIT Act – a reversal on bipartisan clean water safeguards impacting water-dependent businesses

Dear Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, and Members of the House of Representatives:

On behalf of the American Sustainable Business Network (ASBN) and our allies, we respectfully urge you to **vote NO on H.R. 3898**, the *Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act* (PERMIT Act). While the bill is framed as a step toward streamlining infrastructure development, in reality, it undermines longstanding, bipartisan clean water protections that are critical to the health of our economy, communities, and environment.

Economic development and job creation must not come at the expense of clean water. Many of our member businesses are water-dependent and rely on stable, predictable environmental regulations to operate efficiently, meet consumer expectations, and maintain long-term profitability. Weakening the Clean Water Act through this legislation would introduce avoidable risks, increase operational costs, and undercut the integrity and resilience of entire industries.

We are particularly concerned that H.R. 3898:

- Undermines pollution controls critical to the Clean Water Act;
- Rewards polluters and incentivizes the degradation of wetlands, rivers, lakes, and streams;
- Creates financial uncertainty and reputational risks for sustainable businesses;
- Threatens market expansion opportunities tied to environmental performance.

Clean water is good for business. Numerous studies show that consumers favor companies that engage in water stewardship—associating it with environmental responsibility and positive social impact. Today, our investors, executives, and stakeholders are increasingly prioritizing water efficiency, ecosystem protection, and sustainable product design as part of long-term value creation strategies.

We therefore **oppose H.R. 3898 as currently written**, and we strongly urge Congress to pursue a bipartisan legislative package that both supports economic growth and safeguards our nation's precious water resources. Sustainable businesses depend on policies that balance progress with environmental responsibility—not trade one for the other.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

1. The American Sustainable Business Network
2. New York Sustainable Business Council
3. Native, PBC
4. KES LLC
5. New Jersey Sustainable Business Network
6. Denise Nelson Advising, LLC
7. Princeton Hydro, LLC
8. W. R. Meadows
9. Bull City Burger and Brewery
10. Bang Brewing
11. Portico Brewing
12. Half Acre Beer Company
13. Fiddlin' Fish Brewing Company
14. Ecology Beer Works, L.L.C.
15. Vista Brewing
16. Vulgar Brewing Company
17. Aslan Brewing Co.
18. Port City Brewing Company
19. LP Commercial Real Estate
20. Watershed Brewing Company
21. Sedona Beer Co
22. Brewery Vivant
23. Plan Bee Farm Brewery
24. Forward Brewing
25. Zed's Beer
26. Uncommon Ground & Greenstar Brewing
27. Horse & Dragon Brewing Company
28. The People's Pint restaurant and brewery
29. Walnut River Brewing Co.
30. Trail Life Brewing
31. Naturpedic Organic Mattress
32. Kingston Standard Brewing Co.
33. Lakefront Brewery, Inc.
34. Old Bust Head Brewing Company
35. Engrained Brewing Company
36. Georgetown Brewery
37. Luminas Consulting LLC
38. Marketing Chica
39. Sustainable Rentals LLC
40. Bureo Inc
41. Aqua Surf School
42. The Lodge at 58 North
43. LolitaMoon Productions
44. Bunk House Inn at Zion
45. Whole World Botanicals, Inc.
46. coasap
47. LineSync Architecture
48. UrbisEco
49. James Black Angel Investor
50. Homefree, LLC
51. Namu Baru Inc.
52. Viv LLC
53. Wolf Sustainability
54. Mark's Bookmark Bookseller
55. GB Shades
56. Front Royal River Adventures
57. Pennsaco
58. Kensler-Prager
59. TYME FOR TRAVEL
60. MM Solar Advisory
61. LookIt, Inc
62. Greenvest
63. Singlebrook
64. EarthWise.us
65. Hot Off The Press
66. Taurus Technical LLC
67. Lucuma
68. James' Solar
69. NC Sustainable Business Council

70. Seattle Zero Waste
71. Originate Natural Building Materials
Showroom LLC
72. theapothecarysdaughter.com
73. Design One
74. Curio Research
75. Alston Capital Partners
76. Brewington Gardens
77. Amigos Bravos
78. Marketing Chica
79. Curio Research
80. Water Policy Consulting, LLC
81. Casimir Gold, LLC
82. Endangered Habitats League
83. Inland Ocean Coalition
84. Gibson LLC
85. Civic Shout
86. Animal Wonders KC
87. American Packrafting Association
88. Dragonworks Kayaks
89. Corinne Earle Interior Design
90. Sustainable Business Network of
Greater Philadelphia