



UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON

The Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act of 2025

Statements of Endorsement

National Hydropower Association

"Hydropower is well-positioned to help America meet our bold energy goals — with the right federal support. America's first electricity resource is reliable, dependable, domestically-sourced, and capable of bolstering our grid at a moment's notice, but a lack of investment in these "forever assets" threatens those capabilities. NHA is proud to support this bipartisan legislation because we know that it will help preserve this critical resource at a time when America needs every megawatt to power our continued prosperity." - **Malcolm Woolf, President and CEO, National Hydropower Association**

American Rivers Action Fund

"We applaud the bipartisan leadership behind this timely bill, which promotes dam safety and advances river restoration. This legislation is a testament to the hard work and collaboration between conservation groups and the hydropower industry to find common-sense solutions that benefit both river ecosystems and renewable energy generation while also lowering costs for consumers. We look forward to working with Congress to get this critical legislation across the finish line and enacted into law." - **Tom Kiernan, President of American Rivers Action Fund**

American Whitewater

"We support legislation that incentivizes the removal of dams that no longer serve a beneficial purpose, while also promoting essential investments in fish passage, dam safety, public access to waterways, and overall river health improvements where dams continue to impact rivers." - **Thomas O'Keefe, Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director, American Whitewater**

ConservAmerica

"We support this bipartisan legislation which aligns well with President Trump's previous comments on the importance of clean water. Rivers are the lifeblood of our nation, providing drinking water, sanitation, power generation, and the transport of millions of tons of American industrial and agricultural products. Hydropower plays a special role in safeguarding our waters and this legislation will help in that regard." -- **Jeff Kupfer, President, ConservAmerica**

Low Impact Hydropower Institute

"We applaud the bipartisan leadership for this bill that provides critical incentives that will enable hydropower to invest in new energy generation, dam safety, and river health. Hydropower is an energy source that has been powering communities across America for generations and remains essential for a reliable and secure electricity grid. We are grateful to Reps. Smith and DelBene along with Sens. Cantwell and Murkowski for advancing solutions that will promote environmental stewardship, enhance public safety, and strengthen our energy security." — **Shannon Ames, Executive Director, Low Impact Hydropower Institute**

American Conservation Coalition Action

"Hydropower is a proven, reliable source of affordable energy for Americans. It is critical that we continue to improve, expand, and invest in this vital resource to meet future energy needs. The American Conservation Coalition Action and its over 60,000 grassroots members nationwide commend this bipartisan effort to unleash clean, American-made energy." — **Andrew Mills, Managing Director, ACC Action**

Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions

"Hydropower for decades has provided emissions-free, flexible and affordable electricity," **said CRES President Heather Reams.** "Rep. Smith's Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act's will foster innovation, increase generation, encourage upgrades to the safety and security of existing dams, expand fish passage infrastructure, and offer improvements to water quality and recreational use opportunities."