



September 28, 2023

The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works
170 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chairwoman
House Committee on Energy
and Commerce
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy
and Commerce
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Congressional Reauthorization of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Brownfields Program**

Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Moore Capito, Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone:

The National Demolition Association (NDA) represents nearly 500 U.S. and Canadian companies that offer standard demolition services as well as a full range of demolition-related services and products. NDA educates members on the latest advances in equipment and services, provides educational programs and tools to stay abreast of regulatory and safety matters and keeps regulators informed about issues in our industry. NDA also increases public awareness of the economic and societal benefits of demolition.

The EPA's Brownfields Program supports land revitalization by providing grants to help communities clean up and sustainably reuse brownfield sites. The program disperses funds through competitive grants, non-competitive funding, and technical assistance. Since the program's creation in 1995, it has provided resources to states and communities to prevent, assess, safely clean up and rejuvenate contaminated properties. Importantly, the program requires authorization and annual appropriations from Congress.

Demolition contractors are committed to practices that protect the environment and have a reputable track record of commendable environmental stewardship. NDA member companies routinely work with the federal government to facilitate the appropriate handling and cleanup of hazardous areas, including EPA brownfield sites.

To this end, NDA writes to express its strong support for the EPA Brownfields Program and urges your committees to prioritize the reauthorization of the program in the coming months. NDA believes the program is a critical tool that gives local communities the opportunity to reuse and redevelop formerly contaminated land in a way that improves the lives of their residents. In addition to the environmental benefits, the program's investments help promote increased economic growth and job creation while broadening local tax bases through higher property values.

Reauthorization of the EPA Brownfields Program is an important step to ensure our local communities remain safe and prosperous in the future. NDA looks forward to working with your committees on bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the program this year. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this issue. Please contact NDA's Director of Government Affairs Alex McIntyre at amcintyre@demolitionassociation.com with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lambert", written in a cursive style.

Jeff Lambert
Chief Executive Officer
National Demolition Association