

permitting

the challenge

America is in the middle of a manufacturing boom the likes of which we have not seen since the 1960s. Construction spending by manufacturers more than doubled over the past year. This boom is visible in Michigan too: five battery plants, semiconductor facilities from the Thumb to the Keweenaw, and many more facilities. Michigan is building a lot, but we need to pick up the pace.

Governor Whitmer has signed multiple executive directives to improve Michigan's permitting process, but legislation is essential to take a more substantive step.

what's next

Continue to streamline permitting for advanced manufacturing, infrastructure, housing, and more. Ensure community input is incorporated while continuing to improve processes, lower costs, and move faster.

Business leaders often note that no state has gotten permitting quite right yet. Michigan should be the first. This is a bipartisan priority that will help us make batteries, chips, infrastructure, and so much more. We need engagement from the business community, input from legislative leaders, and executive action to get this done.