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Prague, September 4, 2026

**Tomio Okamura**  
**Speaker**  
**Czech Chamber of Deputies**

Sněmovní 4  
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Czech Republic

Dear Speaker Okamura-

We write to advocate Chamber of Deputies passage of the Act on Construction.

The Act represents one part of effective land use planning. It sets the parameters for planning community, regional, and national development; for zoning that specifies how individual plots of land fits into that planning; and for permitting which enforces that zoning and encourages private citizens to invest into their communities and countries (and their own future prosperity).

The Act, therefore, contributes to how the country's citizens and government utilize one of the country's key strategic assets. Passing the version already once approved by the Chamber of Deputies will a) introduce several key improvements (see next page) that will make land use planning more effective and b) shorten the time for investors between the decision to utilize land the actual utilization. Both, if implemented well, would be major improvements to the current process which has made the country less competitive and wasteful in the use of its most precious natural resource.

We have two remaining concerns if this Act is approved. First, this will be the third major reform to the construction act in less than a decade. Politics appears to have superseded economic and social importance. Unless this impression is dispelled, investors will expect a fourth reform after the next elections.

Second, the act represents only one part of the land use policy. Previous reforms have stopped with passage of the law. Improved planning; co-ordination between municipalities, regions, and the national government; and better incentives for government and private sector decision-making are also necessary for the country to address the critical shortage of housing and development of world-class critical infrastructure and innovative businesses.

AmCham views land use policy as a critical element in the country's security and economic development. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposed Act with you, as well as the further development of a planning, zoning, and permitting policy that will enable officials and private individuals policymakers make the land best serve the interests of the country's citizens.

With regard,



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