



December 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker

The Honorable Virginia Foxx
Chair, Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader

The Honorable Jim McGovern
Ranking Member, Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker, Leader Jeffries, Chair Foxx, and Representative McGovern:

I am writing on behalf of the Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance (SWACCA) to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 4776, the “Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act.” We appreciate the effort to advance to the full House this important legislation to ensure a more efficient and timely review process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

SWACCA is a national trade association representing more than 400 union signatory wall and ceiling construction employers who perform commercial framing, drywall, and interior systems work nationwide. Our members are at the forefront of major infrastructure projects critical to enhancing America’s domestic manufacturing capacity, and ensuring the U.S. remains a leader in advanced computing and artificial intelligence. The long delays in permitting new project starts have impacted our businesses and the thousands of union carpenters, laborers, drywall finishers, plasterers, and other skilled building trades professionals we employ.

The “SPEED Act” is an urgently needed and responsible approach to improving the NEPA permitting process for all types of infrastructure projects. This includes the buildup of new data centers across the nation and associated water and energy infrastructure projects necessary to support them. Specifically, the bill will clarify which federal actions are subject to NEPA review and that NEPA is a purely procedural statute that does not mandate specific outcomes. It also furthers reforms to NEPA made by the 2023 *Fiscal Responsibility Act* and codifies the Supreme Court’s unanimous decision earlier this year in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County*. This includes the Supreme Court’s conclusion that a federal agency’s environmental documents address the environmental impacts of the project subject to NEPA review and need not consider the upstream or downstream effects of separate projects. The “SPEED Act” will also reduce the cost of the permitting process by setting firm deadlines and clarifying the standards for judicial review under NEPA, which will bring much-needed certainty to the process, reduce project cancellations, and spur new investments in infrastructure projects. Rationalizing NEPA-related litigation will also ensure the predictability that SWACCA members and other job creators need to make informed business decisions that create employment opportunities for our workers, who receive superior, family-sustaining wages and benefits.

On behalf of the membership of SWACCA, thank you for scheduling this important legislation for action by the full House of Representatives. We hope that the House

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will advance H.R. 4776 to the Senate as expeditiously as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if SWACCA can provide any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregg Brady".

Gregg Brady
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