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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chair, Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member, Committee on Natural
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Re: H.R. 4776 - The SPEED Act

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

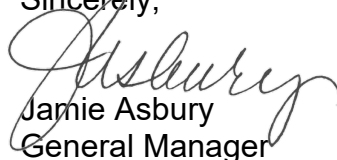
The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) writes in support of H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. This bill would modernize National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures and establish clear judicial review requirements and timelines, helping prevent costly litigation-driven delays that impede critical infrastructure development.

Lengthy and unpredictable permitting processes present significant challenges for utilities seeking to invest in essential energy infrastructure. As electricity demand continues to surge, driven by expanded manufacturing, data centers, and widespread electrification, the need for a clear, consistent, and predictable regulatory framework has never been more urgent. H.R. 4776 directly addresses these challenges by setting reasonable guardrails for the NEPA process and implementing judicial review limits.

By streamlining and expediting permitting procedures, this bill will enable publicly owned utilities, like IID, to build the infrastructure necessary to meet rapidly growing demands. This directly supports our fundamental mission: delivering safe, reliable electric service to our customers at the most affordable cost.

For these reasons, IID supports H.R. 4776 and looks forward to continued dialogue with the bill's author and stakeholders. Should you have any questions, please contact Antonio Ortega, Government Affairs Officer, at aortega@iid.com or 760-604-1092.

Sincerely,



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