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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing trade association in the United States, representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act in order to advance reforms to our nation’s broken permitting processes, which will spur manufacturing investments and job growth here in America.

Manufacturers need certainty when making investment decisions and planning projects. Unfortunately, bad actors have abused the National Environmental Policy Act and its environmental review processes. This has led to project delays and years of uncertainty for manufacturers working to invest in job-creating projects across the country. Policymakers should enact commonsense NEPA reforms that will ensure a speedy process that results in definitive decisions for all projects while maintaining the opportunity for input by impacted communities.

The bipartisan SPEED Act, sponsored by Reps. Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Jared Golden (D-ME), would make crucial reforms to NEPA. It would appropriately shorten timelines for environmental reviews, minimize legal uncertainty by limiting who can challenge an environmental review and require substantive input to do so, clarify the definition of major federal actions that trigger additional permitting requirements, prevent duplication in reviews, expand the use of categorical exclusions, focus environmental reviews on a project’s immediate surroundings by codifying recent Supreme Court precedent, and make it more difficult for the executive branch to cancel permits for energy projects.

H.R. 4776 is a critical piece of the NAM’s [Manufacturing’s Roadmap to AI and Energy Dominance](#), a blueprint outlining the steps—including vital permitting reforms—that policymakers must take to strengthen America’s energy and artificial intelligence leadership.

These reforms will make it easier and more cost-efficient for manufacturers to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, these bills will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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