

October 8, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, House Committee on Natural
Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Natural Resources
1332 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA), I am writing to express our support for H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act.

The NWRA is a nonprofit federation of western state water resources associations, regional associations, agriculture and municipal water agencies, and industrial water groups. Our members provide water and hydropower to approximately 50 million individuals, families, agricultural producers and other industries that support our communities large and small, our economy and environment.

NWRA members support efforts to improve the federal permitting process in ways that enhance coordination, reduce time-consuming duplicative reviews, provide reasonable limits to judicial challenges and litigation, and provide greater predictability for project sponsors and federal partners. These goals are consistent with principles long advocated by our members, who depend on timely, transparent, and practical federal decision-making to deliver essential water and hydropower infrastructure.

The SPEED Act builds on those priorities by clarifying and modernizing elements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you and your staff as the SPEED Act moves to markup and further consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Morrison
Executive Vice President
NWRA