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United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Natural Resources  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources:

On behalf of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act, or SPEED Act, when it is brought before this Committee for markup. At the NE Chamber, we’re heartened by the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms, so manufacturers and other members of our organization can continue moving projects forward to grow Nebraska.

We frequently have conversations with our members and statewide partners about the need to speed up development timelines. It comes up in discussions about housing, energy, manufacturing sites, and many more. We’ve engaged at the state level on thoughtful reforms that better balance permitting and siting considerations. And like us, our national partners like the National Association of Manufacturers and U.S. Chamber have long called for commonsense, bipartisan permitting reforms to improve how we make and build things here in America. We need clarity and guardrails to invest and grow in America, all while maintaining public input and safeguarding our environment.

The SPEED Act provides this clarity by aligning statute with Supreme Court precedent, providing permitting certainty between administrations, codifying much-needed reforms to the judicial review process, and clarifying that NEPA is a procedural statute whose intent can be satisfied by other federal environmental permitting statutes. These reforms will make it easier and more cost-efficient for businesses across Nebraska to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will further the growth of Nebraska’s diverse economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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