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Cc: House Natural Resources Committee

Dear Chairman Westerman and members of the House Natural Resources Committee,

The New York Building Congress strongly supports House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Bruce Westerman's SPEED Act, a commonsense, bipartisan effort to modernize and streamline the NEPA process. Across the country, and especially here in New York, critical infrastructure, housing, transit, clean energy, and resiliency projects are delayed for years by reviews that have become too burdensome, too costly, and too unpredictable. NEPA was created with the best intentions, but today it is the most frequently litigated environmental statute in America, and challenges to a single environmental impact statement take an average of more than four years to resolve.

The SPEED Act brings long-overdue clarity and efficiency to federal permitting by defining which actions require review, setting reasonable timelines, and ensuring courts focus on fixing deficiencies rather than halting entire projects. This bipartisan bill is project-agnostic and has already earned support from a broad coalition of stakeholders across infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, technology, and construction.

For New York to build the housing, transportation, and energy infrastructure our people deserve, we need a federal permitting framework that matches our sense of urgency and our ambition for growth. After meeting with Chairman Westerman in September to discuss this legislative proposal, we were convinced that the SPEED Act lines up with our goal of modernizing the review process and is a major step toward unlocking faster, smarter, and more reliable project delivery, and the Building Congress is proud to support it.

Sincerely,

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