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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 Wyoming Business Alliance (WBA) and Manufacturers of Wyoming, I respectfully ask for your support of the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act, or SPEED Act, when it is before your Committee. The WBA – Manufacturers applauds the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms so manufacturers can build in America and compete across the globe.

The WBA has been the voice of business in Wyoming since 1980, and we exist to create the environment for businesses to prosper. One of our top priorities is supporting a strong business climate, which means low and certain taxes for businesses; fewer regulations; and efficient and transparent government services. The SPEED Act would do so much to help encourage economic prosperity here. There are countless examples of projects delayed by permitting processes, some vital projects have been held up for decades. The WBA believes in 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 federal statutes with U.S. 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 manufacturers and other industries in Wyoming to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Renny MacKay
President Wyoming Business Alliance