



December 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader

The Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Chair, Committee on Rules  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim McGovern  
Ranking Member, Committee on Rules  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker, Leader Jeffries, Chair Foxx, and Representative McGovern:

On behalf of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) and our 3,000 specialty construction contracting employers and 93 affiliated local associations across the United States, I am writing to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 4776, the "Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act." This bipartisan legislation will help further clarify agencies' procedural requirements for project reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), balancing the mutual goals of maintaining environmental protections and spurring new investments in domestic infrastructure and energy development.

MCAA members deliver top-quality, high-tech services on mechanical system, plumbing, piping, HVAC, and refrigerant system projects for public and private sector clients building all manner of infrastructure and energy projects, including data centers, commercial buildings, pharmaceutical facilities, and nuclear plants and other energy facilities. We know the importance of ensuring projects are properly completed on time and on budget, and MCAA members add value by using their project management expertise to ensure client projects get the right staff and materials. But the start date of projects is outside of our control and in far too many instances, we are seeing projects delayed years or cancelled outright due to the byzantine NEPA environmental review process that entails multiple, redundant administrative and legal reviews to break ground on a project. These delays in new project starts impact our nation's ability to realize energy independence, to deploy new technologies, and to reshore manufacturing. They also harm MCAA members who see projects disappear and capital evaporate as the environmental review process extends beyond the planned timeline of owners and investors.

In recent years, there has been some streamlining of NEPA processes and acceleration of reviews for critical infrastructure projects because of the *Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023* and the Supreme Court's unanimous decision in *Seven County Infrastructure*. However,



additional congressional action is necessary if we are to achieve comprehensive and permanent solutions to modernize environmental review requirements to account for 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies and strike a better balance between protecting America's natural resources and fostering economic growth and technological advancement. That is why MCAA is proud to support the SPEED Act. This legislation will streamline NEPA reviews, return the law to its intended purpose as a procedural statute setting parameters for assessing environmental impacts of all major federal actions, and establish limitations on judicial review of NEPA claims.

On behalf of the membership of MCAA, thank you for your consideration of our views on this matter. We respectfully request the House expeditiously consider this important measure, which will provide immediate benefits for job creation, job creators, and local economies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Brink", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Timothy J. Brink  
CEO  
Mechanical Contractors Association of America

CC: Members, House Committee on Rules