



American Pipeline Contractors Association (An Association of Merit Shop Contractors)

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
H0232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, Chairman Westerman, Ranking Member Huffman, and all members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

On behalf of the American Pipeline Contractors Association (APCA), I write in support of legislation on the House floor this week that supports American energy development and lowers costs for families by increasing efficiency, public transparency, and accountability in the infrastructure and pipeline permitting process.

Provisions of the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act¹ (H.R. 4776), introduced by Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR), will streamline the dysfunctional federal permitting process and provide greater transparency for the construction industry, project developers, and the public.

APCA represents construction firms, manufacturers, and suppliers who build and maintain interstate pipeline systems. Every day, APCA members provide the manpower and materials to build the pipeline and related infrastructure needed to deliver critical energy across the country.

When attempting to maintain and build critical energy infrastructure pipelines to meet increasing energy demand and provide reliable and affordable energy to stakeholders, APCA member contractors report needless delays, bureaucratic red tape, and uncertainty as a result of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

APCA urges Congress to pass the SPEED Act to improve America's infrastructure and energy dominance agenda.

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4776>

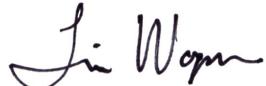
Specifically, the SPEED Act will set reasonable timelines for filing judicial review claims, narrow the scope of NEPA review, clarify that federal funding and assistance should not be the determinant of whether an agency action is determined to be a “major Federal action,” and codify other needed reforms to NEPA. Together these reforms will reduce senseless permitting delays and the potential for activist groups to block projects they oppose through litigation tactics that can ultimately lead to project cancellations. The reforms will provide project sponsors and contractors with increased certainty that enables them to plan and invest with confidence.

In addition, APCA appreciates other efforts by leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Committee on Natural Resources to reform NEPA. APCA supports the ePermit Act² (H.R. 4503), introduced by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD), and the Studying NEPA’s Impact on Projects Act³ (H.R. 573), introduced by Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN), which both passed the House by voice vote on December 9, 2025.

All three of these APCA-supported bills support needed NEPA reforms and promote a predictable and transparent permitting process for all stakeholders. Enabling the construction industry to plan and execute projects—while safeguarding our communities and environment—is the best way to boost the economy, create jobs for construction and manufacturing industries, and ensure energy reliability for all.

APCA looks forward to working with Congress on advancing additional regulatory reforms and commonsense policies to deliver quality energy pipeline infrastructure to America.

Sincerely,



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² <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4503>

³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/573>