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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
United States Representative
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Congressman Westerman:

I am writing on behalf of the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) to express our support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. Modernizing environmental review for covered construction projects will produce multiple beneficial outcomes. By streamlining the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and reducing delays from permitting requirements and litigation, the SPEED Act will bring down project costs and delays.

Accelerating infrastructure development has additional benefits beyond direct costs. Benefits to the Arkansas and American taxpayer will be recognized in reduced impacts to the traveling public from construction, as well as from earlier access to completed projects.

ARDOT appreciates the efforts you and your fellow members of Congress are making to bring NEPA into the 21st Century. We support the SPEED Act and its goals of seeking to reduce delays and facilitate more efficient development of critical infrastructure.



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