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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of Club 20, the Voice of the Western Slope, I write to express our strong support for the SPEED Act (Simplify Permitting and Efficient Environmental Decisions Act) and your leadership in advancing this much-needed permitting reform.

As a coalition representing individuals, local governments, businesses, and citizens across Western Colorado, Club 20 has long supported policies that foster responsible energy development, multiple use of public lands, and rural infrastructure investment. The permitting delays and regulatory redundancies that currently plague federal project approval processes are not just bureaucratic inefficiencies—they are barriers to progress for rural communities like ours.

The SPEED Act aligns closely with multiple Club 20 policies, including:

- Our call for streamlined environmental review processes, especially under NEPA, to eliminate duplicative agency reviews and ensure timely project decisions;
- Our support for an “all of the above” energy strategy, which includes expediting development of traditional, renewable, and emerging energy sources;
- Our advocacy for federal regulatory reform that balances environmental stewardship with economic opportunity; and
- Our ongoing commitment to rural economic development, where infrastructure delays disproportionately impact communities with fewer resources.

In particular, provisions in the SPEED Act that enhance interagency coordination, enforce clear timelines, and reduce litigation risk are essential to expediting investment in Western Colorado. Whether it’s broadband, roads, transmission lines, or natural resource development, our region cannot afford to be held up by years-long permitting timelines.

Club 20 believes that environmental protection and efficient permitting are not mutually exclusive. In fact, certainty and transparency in the regulatory process enhance both outcomes. We urge Congress to move swiftly in passing the SPEED Act and stand ready to work with you to ensure this legislation delivers meaningful results for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your leadership and for championing the needs of Colorado’s Western Slope and rural America.

Sincerely,

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