

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, House Natural Resources
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0404

Re: CEA Strongly Supports the SPEED Act

July 28, 2025

Dear Chairman Westerman,

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) and our membership, we are writing in support of the House Natural Resources' efforts to streamline the National Energy Policy Act (NEPA) process. These reforms not only benefit the industrial and energy sectors, but also reduce costs and increase reliability for consumers.

Founded in 2006, CEA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advocating for a balanced energy policy and responsible access to resources. CEA represents virtually every sector of the U.S. economy – from the iron and steel industry to truckers, airlines, agriculture, labor organizations, restaurants, chemical manufacturers, small businesses, and families across the nation – that are concerned about U.S. energy policies, energy security, and long-term price and supply stability.

Our members support a rational, all-of-the-above energy policy that utilizes all of our domestic natural resources – both traditional and renewable – while ensuring commonsense environmental protections are in place.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was designed to promote environmental sustainability by considering the potential impacts of federal projects; however, over time, the process has become overly burdensome, costly, and time-consuming. The current permitting process burdens energy projects with excessive paperwork and litigation. This pushes back project completion timelines, leading to costly delays or cancellation. Lengthy timelines for permitting harm all types of energy projects and their ability to bring necessary power to the electric grid.

The Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act will reverse those burdens and restore NEPA to the role it was originally envisioned to do: inform regulators, promote sustainability and the well-being of the people. By reaffirming that NEPA is a procedural statute to consider environmental impacts, not mandate outcomes, it clarifies and reiterates the original goal of the process. Additionally, the SPEED Act provides clarity on key procedural aspects of the process and creates certainty and efficiency going forward through updated frameworks.

Integrating modern practices into the 55-year-old law streamlines and updates a system that lost its purpose through the abuse of power. CEA believes that the SPEED Act will

provide reliability and innovative, forward thinking policy in order to provide affordable energy to consumers.

We appreciate the work that has been done on the SPEED Act and encourage Congress to take action to reform NEPA.

Sincerely,



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