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Geothermal Rising Applauds Introduction of Bipartisan Permitting Reform Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Geothermal Rising, the leading non-profit organization dedicated to advancing geothermal energy, today released the following statement about the **Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act**, sponsored by House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) and Representative Jared Golden (D-Maine).

"Geothermal Rising appreciates the efforts of Chairman Westerman and Representative Golden to address the critical need for comprehensive, bipartisan permitting reform," said Bryant Jones, Executive Director of Geothermal Rising. "The SPEED Act is a meaningful step forward in modernizing our outdated and inefficient permitting processes, which are a significant barrier to the development of all energy projects, including geothermal. We are encouraged by the tech-neutral approach of the legislation. By streamlining the permitting process for all energy sources, while maintaining important environmental reviews, the SPEED Act will help to create a more level playing field for innovative technologies like geothermal to compete and grow. We are hopeful that this is the beginning of a productive dialogue that will lead to meaningful reform. Geothermal Rising stands ready to work with Chairman Westerman, Representative Golden, and the entire House Natural Resources Committee as negotiations move forward to ensure that any final legislation will help unlock the full potential of geothermal energy to provide clean, reliable, and affordable power to communities across the country."