



July 28, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jared Golden
1107 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for Bipartisan Permitting Reform Legislation – SPEED Act

Dear Chairman Westerman and Congressman Golden,

Talos Energy Inc. (Talos) wishes to extend our appreciation to you for writing and introducing the SPEED Act, which, if passed, will provide the much-needed clarity, efficiency and assurance needed to improve federal permitting processes for energy and infrastructure development.

Talos is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company focused primarily in the U.S. Gulf of America (GOA), and also offshore Mexico. We leverage decades of technical and offshore operational expertise to acquire, explore and develop assets in key geological trends. We have historically focused our operations in the GOA because of our deep experience and technical expertise in the basin. We began operations in 2012 with five employees and have grown to employ approximately 1,250 employees and contractors who work in our Houston, Texas headquarters, our field office in Lafayette, Louisiana and on our GOA facilities. We are the fifth largest operator in the GOA, with ownership in over 300 offshore federal leases. Over half of our leases are held by production. We are the designated operator of 64% of our leases, and currently produce an average of 95,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, 80% of which is oil and liquids.

We commend you for proposing such a comprehensive permitting reform bill and we applaud a number of key provisions in the Act that will provide certainty in the NEPA review process. These provisions will also ward off frivolous litigation and the real threat of vacatur orders when a remand decision related to a potentially flawed NEPA document would provide the required remedy without putting leases, permits and other agency actions in jeopardy due to a vacatur decision.

Again, thank you very much for your leadership and vision in introducing this vital legislation. Talos looks forward to seeing the SPEED Act advance to successful passage into law.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Goodfellow", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Paul Goodfellow
President and Chief Executive Officer