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The Honorable Mike Ezell
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED)
Act

Dear Representative Ezell,

I am writing to express my strong support for the SPEED Act. As the director of the agency responsible for overseeing critical infrastructure projects across our state, the Mississippi Department of Transportation recognizes the importance of streamlining permitting processes to foster economic growth and enhance transportation efficiency.

The SPEED Act's focus on clarifying and expediting environmental reviews aligns with MDOT's ongoing efforts to address challenges posed by complex and often unpredictable permitting timelines. For instance, delays in federal approvals have historically hindered our ability to advance key highway and bridge projects, impacting local economies and job creation. Additionally, the Act's provisions to reduce duplicative reviews and limit litigation offer a practical solution to ensure resources are focused on delivering safe and reliable infrastructure.

MDOT is committed to supporting initiatives that balance regulatory integrity with economic opportunity, and I believe the SPEED Act achieves this balance. I appreciate your leadership in supporting this important legislation and look forward to its continued progress.

Thank you for your commitment to improving transportation and economic development in Mississippi.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Brad White, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and flourishes.

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