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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act – SPEED Act

Dear Chairman Westerman,

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association's (NECA) Oregon-Columbia Chapter, Oregon Pacific-Cascade Chapter, and Northwest Line Constructors Chapter, we are writing to express our support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act (SPEED Act). These NECA chapters represent electrical contractors in Oregon and Southwest Washington who are committed to rebuilding and modernizing our nation's electrical infrastructure for future generations through a combination of conservation, technology, and innovation.

One of our priorities over the last several years has been for the passage of comprehensive federal permitting reform and infrastructure resources authorizations, as well as expedited right-of-way permitting for transmission lines. The SPEED Act addresses the substantial challenges due to delays in permitting critical infrastructure projects – delays resulting from redundant reviews, litigation, and lack of clear timelines.

If our nation is going to rebuild and modernize our electrical infrastructure that is critical to our economic development and global competitiveness, we must improve permitting efficiency, while maintaining essential environmental safeguards.

The undersigned NECA chapters urge swift passage of the SPEED Act. It reflects a common sense, bipartisan approach to modernizing our permitting process. We stand ready to work with you to ensure this important legislation becomes law.

Sincerely,

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