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Chairman Bruce Westerman
Natural Resources Committee
United States House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Esteemed Representative Westerman:

On behalf of the Ada County Highway District (ACHD), I am writing to express our strong support for the SPEED Act currently under consideration. As the local agency responsible for the planning, construction, and maintenance of roadway infrastructure throughout Ada County, ACHD is deeply committed to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and that vital transportation improvements are delivered in a timely manner.

ACHD supports any federal effort that expedites project delivery and reduces unnecessary hurdles that delay essential public infrastructure. Each year, ACHD successfully completes millions of dollars' worth of capital projects at a fraction of the cost and time required when federal funding is involved. The difference is driven not by technical complexity, but by the additional layers of process, review, and regulation that accompany federal dollars. These requirements, while well-intentioned, often extend project timelines significantly and diminish the return on investment for the communities we serve.

ACHD remains fully supportive of protecting the natural, historical, and cultural resources that make our region unique. However, we have experienced that many aspects of the current federal process function less as meaningful environmental or cultural safeguards and more as procedural hurdles. The result is an increasingly cumbersome process that can impede timely construction, inflate costs, and delay the delivery of benefits to the public.

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The SPEED Act offers an important opportunity to streamline federal requirements while still maintaining appropriate protections for key resources. Efforts to reduce regulatory barriers—without compromising responsible stewardship—will help local transportation agencies like ours deliver critical infrastructure more rapidly and cost-effectively.

For these reasons, ACHD encourages Congress to approve the SPEED Act and advance policies that support efficient project delivery, responsible environmental review, and prudent use of taxpayer funds. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and stand ready to assist in any way as you move this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Head", is written over a circular stamp. The stamp contains the text "Ryan Head, AICP CTP" in a bold, sans-serif font.

Director

CC:

Senator Mike Crapo
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