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Committee on Natural Resources  
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Dear Chairman Westerman and Congressman Golden,

API writes to express strong support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act which offers a much-needed, commonsense reform of the federal permitting process under NEPA. For too long, uncertainty and delay have hindered critical projects across the country. The SPEED Act takes thoughtful, responsible steps to ensure environmental reviews remain thorough while restoring clarity and predictability for agencies, project sponsors, and the public.

The bill clarifies when NEPA is triggered and limits the scope of federal agencies' environmental review. This clarity will help improve the NEPA process while maintaining rigorous environmental standards.

Importantly, the SPEED Act also brings balance to judicial review of NEPA claims. By limiting remedies to remanding deficient decisions back to the lead agency—rather than allowing courts to halt projects entirely—it preserves accountability without enabling unnecessary project-killing litigation. The bill's requirement that NEPA claims be filed within 150 days, and only by individuals who participated in the public comment process, further strengthens fairness and transparency.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge support for the SPEED Act and commend Chairman Westerman and Congressman Golden for their leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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