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The Hon. Bruce Westerman, Chairman House Natural Resources Committee 1324 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6201

RE: Americas Gold and Silver Corporation's Support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act

Dear Chairman Westerman,

On behalf of Americas Gold and Silver Corporation, we are pleased to voice our support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act, (H.R. 4776).

As the sole owners of the Galena Complex – the nation's only active antimony-producing mine – we are acutely aware of growing critical mineral supply chain vulnerabilities and the urgent need for a faster, more reliable path to responsible mineral development. With our extensive experience in mineral development, we are also deeply familiar with the federal permitting process, including the widely-encountered challenges it poses for advancing domestic projects. In our view, this legislation offers a meaningful improvement to existing *National Environmental Policy Act* requirements by establishing a more straightforward, predictable permitting process. The SPEED Act preserves key historic environmental protections while streamlining permitting approvals and setting reasonable limitations on judicial review, positioning the U.S. to better meet evolving supply chain demands amid the shifting geopolitical landscape.

We applaud recent actions taken in Congress and the Trump Administration to uplift responsible domestic mineral development and are encouraged by the bipartisan show of support for the SPEED Act. We also hope this legislation fosters continued, across-the-aisle conversations on the need for permitting reform.

Thank you for your leadership and ongoing commitment to supporting America's mineral producers.

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