



BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
New Hampshire's Statewide
Chamber of Commerce

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United States House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources,

On behalf of the Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA), I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act when it comes before this Committee for markup. The BIA strongly supports the bipartisan effort to modernize and streamline our federal permitting process. The reforms introduced by the SPEED Act are essential if New Hampshire businesses, and businesses across the country, are going to build, grow, and compete in the global economy.

As the leading statewide business association in New Hampshire, the BIA represents more than 450 businesses, including dozens of businesses in the advanced manufacturing sector that is critical to our state’s economic health. New Hampshire’s advanced manufacturing cluster employs more than 42,000 people and includes over 1,100 businesses that are driving growth and innovation across our state. New Hampshire is also home to growing life sciences cluster and a thriving technology ecosystem. To maintain and grow innovation sectors like these, we need federal permitting reform. Here’s how the SPEED Act helps:

- **Permitting Certainty Across Administrations** – By aligning statute with precedent and setting clear guardrails, SPEED provides the long-term stability companies need to commit to major projects here.

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- **Judicial Review Reforms** – The bill's improvements to the federal review process reduce unnecessary litigation risk, helping developers move efficiently from planning to construction.
- **NEPA Clarification** – By clarifying that NEPA is procedural and can be satisfied through other environmental permitting statutes, SPEED prevents duplicative reviews while preserving environmental protections.

For New Hampshire businesses, these reforms will lower the cost and risk of putting shovels in the ground and allow them to invest more aggressively in capacity, innovation, and workforce. That, in turn, means more jobs, more economic growth, and more prosperity for our communities.

We strongly urge you to support the SPEED Act. This legislation will give New Hampshire businesses, and America's economy more broadly, the clarity and efficiency it needs to build a prosperous, competitive future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

President & CEO
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire

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