

November 19, 2025

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

Dear Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources,

On behalf of Freeport LNG Development, L.P. ("Freeport LNG"), I respectfully urge you to vote "yes" on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act, or SPEED Act, when it is brought before this Committee for markup. Freeport LNG applauds the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms so manufacturers can build in America and compete across the globe.

Freeport LNG has firsthand experience with drawn out permitting processes that can take several years to complete, at costs that can exceed one hundred million dollars, in order to obtain an authorization to site and construct vital manufacturing facilities within the United States that benefit the U.S. economy, jobs, balance of trade and tax base. Freeport LNG, and hundreds of U.S. companies like us, have long advocated for commonsense, bipartisan permitting reforms to improve how we build facilities and produce products here in America. We need a clear and efficient regulatory framework that supports manufacturers' efforts to invest and grow in America, all while appropriately maintaining public input and safeguarding our environment.

The SPEED Act provides this clarity by aligning statute with Supreme Court precedent, providing permitting certainty between administrations, codifying much-needed reforms to the judicial review process, and clarifying that NEPA is a procedural statute whose intent can be satisfied by other federal environmental permitting statutes. These reforms will streamline permitting processes, while still ensuring proper safety and environmental reviews and public engagement, and also, at the same time, being more cost-efficient for companies to get shovels in the ground on U.S. soil for job-creating projects. As a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John B. Tobola, President