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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 Georgia Association of Manufacturers, 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. Georgia Association of Manufacturers applauds the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms so manufacturers can build in America and compete across the globe.

The Georgia Association of Manufacturers (GAM) is the only trade group in the Georgia exclusively dedicated to manufacturers. Formed in 1900 by industry, for industry, we are Georgia manufacturing's association of record, its advocate, and its voice.

Our mission is to be "visible, vocal and vital." That means we are driven to be seen and heard advocating on the issues that matter most to our members. From iconic corporations to emerging companies, from industrial giants to the most specialized makers, our membership employs nearly 200,000 people – roughly half of Georgia's manufacturing workforce.

Georgia Association of Manufacturers has long called for commonsense, bipartisan permitting reforms to improve how we make and build things here in America. We need clarity and guardrails to invest and grow in America, all while 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 make it easier and more cost-efficient for our Manufacturing members in Georgia to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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