



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 the Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC), 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. GNDC appreciates the bipartisan work that has gone into this legislation and strongly supports its goal of advancing meaningful permitting reform.

GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, representing companies of every size and sector, along with local chambers and trade and industry associations across the state. Our members rely on a regulatory climate that is clear, consistent, efficient, and cost-effective. Permitting reform is essential to provide the confidence needed to make long-term investments in infrastructure that supports our growing economy.

The SPEED Act delivers the clarity and predictability businesses need. It will enable faster, more predictable project approvals through strict timelines, reduced duplicative reviews, and streamlined coordination among agencies. Compliance and legal risks will be lowered by narrowing review scope, limiting speculative analysis, and expediting court challenges. Additionally, costs and delays will be reduced thanks to reliance on existing environmental documents and clearer, standardized permitting rules.

These improvements will make infrastructure development more efficient and cost-effective, driving economic growth and supporting job creation across the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arik Spencer", is written over a horizontal line.

Arik Spencer
President & CEO