

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 employer-members of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI), I respectfully urge your support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. IACI is the state's business association representing employers of all sizes and industries across every community in the state.

Idaho's manufacturers, natural-resource industries, and emerging technology sectors rely on a permitting system that is predictable, timely, and resistant to litigation gamesmanship. The SPEED Act provides these needed reforms while maintaining strong environmental safeguards.

Idaho is home to critical minerals production, forest products, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, and food processing industries, each of which depends on clear timelines and workable environmental review processes to invest and grow. Unfortunately, the current NEPA process creates uncertainty that delays job-creating projects and discourages capital investment.

The SPEED Act directly addresses this problem by establishing a 150-day deadline to file NEPA challenges, providing timelines for courts to resolve such litigation, and ensuring that remand—not vacatur or injunction—is the appropriate remedy for procedural shortcomings. These judicial review reforms will reduce prolonged uncertainty while preserving the public's ability to participate in the NEPA process.

The bill also appropriately clarifies that NEPA is a procedural statute, aligns federal practice with Supreme Court precedent, prevents duplicative environmental reviews, and maintains robust opportunities for public input. These updates will help Idaho's industries move forward with projects essential to U.S. economic and national security.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to advance the SPEED Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex LaBeau", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alex LaBeau
President

cc: Congressman Russ Fulcher
Congressman Mike Simpson
National Association of Manufacturers
US Chamber of Commerce