



The Hon. Bruce Westerman, Chair
House Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Hon. Jared Golden, Member
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October 6, 2025

Dear Chair Westerman and Rep. Golden,

The Liquid Energy Pipeline Association (LEPA) welcomes the opportunity to support the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act*. The bill brings greatly needed to unleash American energy for our families and workers.

Permitting reform offers an exciting opportunity to help deliver Americans the affordable, reliable and safe energy they need and want. With permitting for energy infrastructure projects taking 10 years or longer, the permitting process is clearly broken. LEPA supports the meaningful permitting reforms of the SPEED Act that will make a difference in the review of pipeline projects.

Several recent NEPA improvements, such as page limits and deadlines, were positive but also left in place dysfunctional legal reviews. The SPEED Act includes judicial reform provisions vital to fixing NEPA, including a reasonable statute of limitations, expedited court reviews, limitations on courts substituting their own judgment for agencies, restraints on throwing out a project permit based on a NEPA deficiency, and requiring agencies to make court ordered fixes to NEPA documents promptly.

As you work on permitting reform with other committees, please also view favorably important Clean Water Act reforms to preserve pipeline use of the Nationwide Permit program and prevent state abuse of section 401 authority to block pipeline projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Andy Black
President & CEO