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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We write to express our support for H.R. 4775, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act – a bill that can unleash real, tangible economic growth and create good-paying jobs for hardworking Americans.

Louisiana stands at a vital crossroads where energy, the environment, and economic opportunity intersect. We are proud leaders in coastal restoration, carbon capture, and providing reliable energy that powers homes, businesses, and factories – not just in our State, but across our Nation and the world. But right now, countless projects that could create thousands of jobs and boost the economy are getting bogged down by outdated, slow, and unpredictable federal permitting processes – especially those tied to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

These delays do not just stall progress; they cost jobs, raise construction expenses, and keep much-needed investments from reaching our communities. The SPEED Act cuts through this red tape by setting clear timelines and holding federal agencies accountable, so projects can move forward faster and smarter. This means more projects getting built sooner – whether it is levee systems protecting our homes, wetlands that support our fisheries, or cutting-edge energy infrastructure that keeps our Nation competitive.

This is about creating opportunity. It is about ensuring that Louisiana – and states like ours – can plan, invest, and deliver projects that grow our economy, protect our environment, and keep our energy affordable and secure. When projects are delayed unnecessarily, it is everyday Americans who pay the price in lost jobs and higher costs.

The SPEED Act is a commonsense solution – not a rollback of environmental protections, but a guarantee that responsible projects do not get stuck in endless bureaucratic limbo. It is about delivering results that communities need now.

I urge the Committee to move quickly to advance H.R. 4775. Louisiana's future, and the future of countless hardworking Americans across the Nation, depend on getting these projects done without delay.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation. Louisiana's Department of Conservation and Energy, Department of Environmental Quality, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and Louisiana Economic Development are ready to work hand-in-hand with you to ensure its swift passage and successful implementation.



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