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

The Honorable Jared Golden
U.S. House of Representatives
1107 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman, Congressman Golden and Members of the House Natural Resources Committee:

On behalf of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA), the state trade association representing the full spectrum of Louisiana's oil and natural gas industry, I write to express strong support for the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act* (SPEED Act). We commend you and your colleagues for advancing this bipartisan legislation to modernize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and establish a more predictable and efficient permitting process.

Louisiana is home to one of the nation's most vital energy corridors, supporting offshore oil and gas operations, refining, pipelines, LNG, and emerging technologies such as carbon capture and hydrogen. These industries generate billions of dollars in economic activity, create tens of thousands of high-paying jobs, and provide the revenue streams that fund our state's critical coastal restoration and hurricane protection projects. Yet, despite our capability to deliver affordable, reliable energy, outdated and burdensome federal permitting requirements often stall projects for years, driving up costs, discouraging investment, and delaying the infrastructure necessary to meet growing U.S. and global energy demand.

The SPEED Act is a critical step forward in addressing these challenges. By clarifying the scope of NEPA reviews, eliminating duplication between federal and state processes, limiting speculative analyses, and establishing firm timelines for environmental assessments and impact statements, this legislation will help ensure that vital energy and infrastructure projects can proceed in a timely manner while maintaining strong environmental protections. Importantly, the bill also includes common-sense judicial reforms to reduce uncertainty and litigation delays that have long plagued our permitting system.



LMOGA strongly believes that America's energy leadership—and Louisiana's role as the hub of the Gulf of America energy economy—depends on a regulatory framework that is both durable and workable. The SPEED Act provides the certainty needed to unlock private investment, accelerate job creation, strengthen energy security, and sustain the revenues that protect our coastlines and communities.

We applaud your leadership on this important issue and stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to ensure passage of the SPEED Act. Thank you for your continued commitment to advancing policies that support energy development, infrastructure, and resilience.

Respectfully,

Tommy Faucheux



President
Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

