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United States House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
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Dear Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources,

On behalf of the New Mexico Business Coalition, I respectfully urge your support for the SPEED Act as it moves through Committee markup. New Mexico's ability to grow and sustain modern manufacturing—semiconductors, advanced materials, clean-energy components, aerospace systems, food production, and defense-related manufacturing—depends on a permitting system that is predictable, timely, and aligned with real-world needs.

Our state hosts one of the nation's most diverse manufacturing sectors, including Intel, defense suppliers tied to Sandia and Los Alamos National labs, hydrogen, solar, and energy-technology manufacturing. We also have food processing rooted in our agricultural economy, from chile and pecans to dairy. All of these industries experience delays when environmental reviews or litigation uncertainty stall investment, workforce growth, and supply-chain development.

Manufacturers across New Mexico consistently express concern that without clear, consistent federal permitting rules, major projects face uncertainty that complicates financing, planning, and hiring—especially in rural communities where manufacturing provides some of the most dependable, high-paying jobs. We need a permitting framework that protects New Mexico's land and water while allowing innovative industries to compete globally.

The SPEED Act helps achieve this by clarifying statutory requirements, aligning permitting practices with judicial precedent, modernizing judicial review, and confirming that NEPA's procedural obligations can be met through existing federal environmental programs. These reforms will not weaken environmental protections; they will prevent unnecessary delays and duplicative reviews that hinder New Mexico's economic growth.

For manufacturers large and small, this legislation offers a more reliable path to investment, job creation, and competitiveness. Thank you for your attention to this bill and your commitment to policies that support New Mexico's economic future.

Sincerely,

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