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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 Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act, or SPEED Act, when it is brought before this Committee for markup. As Tennessee’s statewide chamber of commerce, manufacturing association, and chemistry council, we applaud the bipartisan work behind this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms that will allow manufacturers to build in America with confidence and compete globally.

The Tennessee Chamber has consistently championed common sense permitting reforms that bring greater clarity, predictability, and timeliness to the federal review process. Tennessee businesses—large and small—need a permitting framework that supports growth, reduces unnecessary delays, and still provides necessary safeguards for our environment. A modernized system is essential for continued investment, innovation, and job creation in our state.

The SPEED Act takes meaningful steps in this direction by aligning statute with Supreme Court precedent, providing permitting certainty across administrations, streamlining and codifying improvements to the judicial review process, and reaffirming that NEPA is a procedural statute whose requirements may be satisfied through other federal environmental reviews. These reforms will help Tennessee manufacturers move forward with job-creating projects more efficiently and cost-effectively, strengthening both our state’s economy and America’s economic and manufacturing competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to strengthening the economic future of our nation.

Sincerely,

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