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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 Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA), 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. The OMA applauds the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms so manufacturers can build in America and compete across the globe.

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) represents over 1,300 Ohio manufacturers and 700,000 workers in the state's largest economic sector. We strongly support commonsense, bipartisan permitting reforms aimed at establishing clarity, efficiency, and certainty in the regulatory process. These reforms are essential to provide the necessary guardrails for American investment and growth, while simultaneously maintaining robust public input and safeguarding our environment.

The SPEED Act provides this clarity by aligning statute with Supreme Court precedent, providing permitting certainty between administrations, codifying much-needed reforms to the judicial review process, and clarifying that NEPA is a procedural statute whose intent can be satisfied by other federal environmental permitting statutes. These reforms will make it easier and more cost-efficient for Ohio's Manufacturers' to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Lee'.

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