



November 13, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chairman  
House Natural Resources Committee  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20215

Dear Chairman Westerman and Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources:

I write on behalf of Turn Forward, a national advocacy organization focused on offshore wind energy as a key contributor to grid reliability and energy affordability, to express support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. Reforms to modernize our inconsistent and inefficient permitting regime are urgently needed to meet America's growing electricity demand.

For far too long, projects in the public interest have been delayed, made more costly, or blocked altogether due to burdensome processes and the threat of litigation. With America's energy load expected to grow six times faster over the next two decades than the last two, electricity from all sources that can readily be brought online at scale is essential for ensuring resource adequacy and grid reliability.

SPEED clarifies and codifies a number of recent improvements to the permitting process. It prioritizes efficiency by requiring agencies to focus their reviews on issues within their jurisdiction and assess only alternatives to a proposed action that are reasonable and pragmatically aligned with the sponsor's goals. It also addresses delays by ensuring that NEPA-related judicial claims are resolved efficiently and expeditiously. Equally important, SPEED helps ensure energy decisions are driven by states and market demand.

Turn Forward appreciates the Committee's efforts to advance legislation that helps unleash American energy dominance through a transparent, timely, and fair permitting process. This will provide much-needed certainty for investors while fostering economic opportunity, global competitiveness, and environmental stewardship. We look forward to a final package that provides certainty for fully-permitted projects and facilitates the development of diversified and reliable domestic energy sources.

We appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and are eager to support continued efforts to advance urgently needed comprehensive permitting reform.

Sincerely,

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