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The Uintah County Commission respectfully submits this letter in support of the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. As a county with a significant percentage of federally managed public lands and an economy deeply rooted in responsible energy development, timber production, and natural resource management, we recognize the importance of a permitting process that is both thorough and efficient.

Our community depends on predictable and timely federal decision-making. Under the current system, extended reviews and inconsistent timelines can delay essential projects, hinder economic growth, and create uncertainty for local employers and workers. The reforms proposed in the SPEED Act would help streamline environmental reviews and reduce unnecessary duplication—while still ensuring that environmental considerations remain a core part of the process.

Uintah County has a long history of working collaboratively with federal agencies, industry partners, and local stakeholders to balance environmental stewardship with economic opportunity. The SPEED Act offers a clearer, more consistent framework that would allow counties like ours to better plan, invest, and support the infrastructure and resource projects that sustain our communities.

We believe this legislation will strengthen rural economies, improve interagency coordination, and enhance the responsible, timely development of the public lands and natural resources that our residents rely on.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your continued support for policies that help rural counties thrive.

Sincerely,

The Uintah County Commission

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