



Thursday, November 20, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jared Golden  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Westerman, Representative Golden, and Members of Congress:

On behalf of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, representing employers across our state, we write in strong support of the Simplify Permitting to Enable Economic Development (SPEED) Act. We appreciate the bipartisan leadership behind this legislation and applaud the effort to advance meaningful permitting reform.

In Vermont, delayed and unpredictable federal permitting is a significant barrier to economic development. Businesses across sectors including manufacturing, clean energy, construction, forest products, tourism, and housing struggle with multi-year NEPA timelines and litigation risks that drive up costs and stall essential projects. These challenges are especially acute in a rural state like Vermont where infrastructure improvements, energy upgrades, and community development projects are critical to long-term economic vitality.

The Vermont Chamber supports the SPEED Act as an important step toward improving transparency, timeliness, and certainty in the federal permitting system. We look forward to watching this legislation progress to ensure that the permitting framework allows states like Vermont to responsibly build, innovate, and compete.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Sullivan".

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