



The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Westerman,

On behalf of the Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association (WACA), I write to express our strong support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. As an organization representing the producers of essential aggregate, concrete & cement construction materials across Washington State, we commend your leadership in advancing legislation that modernizes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and streamlines the permitting process for critical infrastructure.

Washington's growing population and economy demand robust investment in transportation, housing, energy, and environmental resilience. Yet, our state and local agencies and our members routinely face prolonged delays and legal uncertainty under the current NEPA framework, delays that stall projects, inflate costs, and hinder our ability to deliver the materials that build and maintain Washington's communities.

The SPEED Act addresses these challenges by:

- Establishing clear timelines and judicial review boundaries that reduce litigation abuse and provide certainty to project sponsors.
- Clarifying the definition of "Major Federal Action" to ensure NEPA is applied appropriately and not as a blanket barrier to progress.
- Allowing agencies to rely on existing NEPA documents, which is especially valuable in Washington where many projects are built upon previously reviewed infrastructure corridors and environmental baselines.

These reforms are not about weakening environmental protections; they are about restoring balance, predictability, and efficiency to a process that has become overly burdensome. In Washington, where we are investing in clean energy, sustainable transportation, and climate-resilient infrastructure, the SPEED Act will help us deliver these benefits faster and more effectively.

We urge Congress to advance this legislation without delay. The SPEED Act is a critical step toward unlocking the infrastructure investments our state and nation so urgently need.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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