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United States House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Members of the Committee:

I write to inform you that Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) enthusiastically supports the "SPEED Act" (H.R. 4776), currently before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources. WMC is the largest general business association in Wisconsin, representing approximately 3,800 member companies of all sizes, and from every sector of the economy. Since 1911, WMC's mission has been to make Wisconsin the most competitive state in the nation to do business. This mission includes advocating for energy and infrastructure development that supports America's economic competitiveness and for permitting requirements that do not unduly burden Wisconsin businesses.

The SPEED Act offers essential reforms to the federal permitting process by restoring the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to the procedural cross-check that Congress always intended it to be, rather than the open-ended obstacle it has become. By streamlining review timelines, reducing costly litigation, and reinforcing agency expertise, this legislation will unlock critical infrastructure investment while maintaining environmental safeguards. The proposal modernizes NEPA procedure and judicial review in ways that align with both efficient growth and responsible governance.

The Act builds on the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous decision this year in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County*. That ruling reaffirmed that courts must afford substantial deference to agencies in NEPA cases, and that NEPA does *not* require consideration of the "environmental effects of upstream and downstream projects that are separate in time or place" from the project under review. The SPEED Act codifies key aspects of this decision, providing legal certainty for developers and regulators alike, helping to ensure that infrastructure projects move forward in a timely and environmentally sound manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Jordahl". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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