

December 4, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman (AR-04)
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) appreciates the opportunity to submit a statement for the record in support of **H.R. 4776 - Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act (SPEED Act)**:

As America faces critical imperatives to build more, including to avoid losing the global advanced industry competitiveness war China has launched, the nation needs to seriously overhaul and reform legacy regulatory structures put in place in a very different time. NEPA should be first in line. The SPEED Act is an important step in that direction, reducing compliance costs and time delays, while still preserving key environmental interests.

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Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. We look forward to working with you on this opportunity.

Sincerely,



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