

December 5, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of the state departments of transportation, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) supports ongoing efforts to modernize and streamline the environmental review process. Modernizing the NEPA process through changes like those included in H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act to better align federal resource agencies' review and permitting actions will support the timely and cost-effective delivery of transportation projects across the nation.

We appreciate your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jim Tymon

Executive Director