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Rising electricity prices are a top concern for American families, and with demand set to surge, we desperately need more supply. Yet bureaucratic inertia in America's permitting process has deterred investment and slowed the development of all forms of energy. By narrowing the scope of NEPA and reining in the delays caused by frivolous litigation, the SPEED Act would help deliver more affordable, dependable power without compromising environmental protection. This bill would be a win for the economy and the environment. The SPEED Act would provide:

- **Greater Certainty.** Businesses seek certainty, but permitting processes and engagement with federal agencies often feel like a regulatory black box with uncertain yet seemingly increased potential for litigation. A more transparent and predictable process that enhances judicial review will help provide the certainty American businesses need to innovate, invest, and build.
- **Saving Time, Money, and Taxpayer Resources.** Lengthy permitting processes and extended legal battles can cost project developers significantly. With Environmental Assessments (EAs) costing hundreds of thousands of dollars and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) costing millions, the total expenses have reached hundreds of millions, which are ultimately passed on to consumers. Permitting reform will help ensure that energy and infrastructure projects are completed on time and within budget, which is crucial not only for private sector development but also for federally funded projects.
- **American families and businesses.** Along with deploying shovel-ready jobs and injecting investment and capital into the U.S. economy, American consumers will benefit from increased energy supplies, more resilient infrastructure, and the deployment of more innovative technologies. Promising innovations will generate tremendous positive economic spillovers for the American people, and they should not be stuck in permitting purgatory.

Across the ideological spectrum, people working in the private sector, government, academia, and journalism are coming together to recognize that we need more affordable energy, food, and housing, as well as reliable infrastructure, along with more innovation that drives technological progress for the betterment of society and a healthier, safer environment. This is especially true in an era of elevated inflation. A common thread that joins the abundance left and the abundance right is the need for permitting reform. To power our nation's growth, provide energy security,

meet our environmental objectives, and maintain our global competitiveness, policy reform must empower companies to build. Too much is at stake to let this permitting reform opportunity pass us by.

Respectfully,

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