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United States House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources,

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act, or SPEED Act, when it is brought before this Committee for markup. The NAM applauds the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms so manufacturers can build in America and compete across the globe.

The NAM is the voice of the manufacturing community and the leading advocate for a policy agenda that supports and empowers the 13 million people who make things in America. As the largest manufacturing association in the U.S., the NAM’s membership includes businesses of all sizes, across all industrial sectors, and in all 50 states. The NAM has long called for commonsense, bipartisan permitting reforms to improve how we make and build things here in America – a goal shared across the aisle and that manufacturers are ready to deliver on. Manufacturers collectively contribute \$2.9 trillion to the U.S. economy—and our members need clarity and guardrails to invest and grow in America, all while maintaining public input and safeguarding our environment.

The SPEED Act provides this clarity by aligning statute with Supreme Court precedent, providing permitting certainty between administrations, codifying much-needed reforms to the judicial review process, and clarifying that NEPA is a procedural statute whose intent can be satisfied by other federal environmental permitting statutes. These reforms will make it easier and more cost-efficient for manufacturers to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher A. Phalen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Christopher' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Phalen'.

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