

July 31, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Westerman,

I am writing to express my support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. Streamlining the current federal permitting process will facilitate timely investments in critical sectors, such as semiconductor manufacturing, which are essential for bolstering America's dominance in artificial intelligence (AI), emerging technologies, and national and economic security.

As you know, Micron is building new large-scale semiconductor factories, or "fabs", that will manufacture the only leading-edge memory chips in the United States. The U.S. is on the cusp of a manufacturing renaissance due to breakthroughs in AI and other technologies large in part because of business and tax incentives recently passed by Congress and President Trump.

While the resurgence in manufacturing and AI leadership is crucial to America's national and economic security, the current burdensome regulatory environmental review process will continue to hinder rapid progress. Without immediate reform, American manufacturing will struggle significantly, ultimately prevent companies like Micron from meeting projected demand. The urgency for change cannot be overstated, and it is imperative that policymakers and industry leaders come together to streamline these processes and enact the necessary reforms to secure our future.

We are particularly supportive of efforts to reduce permitting burdens related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), particularly where duplicative state and federal environmental reviews delay critical projects. Streamlining this process would accelerate the implementation of economic development investments, such as those by Micron, and would ensure every federal dollar is used efficiently and effectively. This approach would also maintain strong environmental projections by continuing to comply with other applicable regulations.

Please know that you have Micron's support in these efforts. We stand ready to assist in any way that may be helpful as you continue to champion reforms that enhance transparency, reduce unnecessary delays, and ensure that federal permitting serves the public interest effectively. Thank you again for your leadership and dedication to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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