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To:  
The Honorable Bruce  
Westerman  
Chairman  
House Committee on  
Natural Resources  
Washington, DC  
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The Honorable Jared  
Huffman  
Ranking Member  
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**Re: Support for H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act**

Dear Chairman Westerman, Ranking Member Huffman, and Members of the Committee:

OpenAI appreciates the opportunity to submit this statement for the record for the Committee's markup of H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. Artificial intelligence is helping people and organizations across the country work more productively, create new jobs and companies, and tackle complex challenges. Realizing those benefits at scale depends on our ability to quickly build more of AI's physical infrastructure, from data centers to power plants. Today that build-out can be slowed by permitting processes that are lengthy and uncertain.

OpenAI strongly supports H.R. 4776. The SPEED Act will update the federal environmental review framework so that agencies can complete high-quality reviews more efficiently and predictably by clarifying when NEPA applies, reducing duplicative federal and state reviews, setting clearer expectations for interagency coordination and timelines, and allowing greater reliance on existing programmatic and project level analyses, all while preserving robust environmental standards. We appreciate that the legislation maintains transparency and accountability in the environmental review process, helping communities understand how decisions are made and giving needed infrastructure projects a more reliable path from proposal to construction.

These priorities are consistent with the recommendations in OpenAI's [recent submission to the Office of Science and Technology Policy](#), where we emphasized that meeting the rising demand for AI and other advanced technologies will require modernizing federal permitting rules. In that submission, we urged the federal government to streamline environmental reviews, make greater use of programmatic documents and categorical exclusions, and deploy AI tools to help agencies complete rigorous analysis more quickly so that communities can benefit from reliable, affordable power and the jobs created by AI infrastructure. The SPEED Act would help advance those goals by modernizing the NEPA framework so that critical infrastructure can be evaluated and built more quickly and transparently.

For companies like OpenAI that are investing in data centers, networking, and supporting infrastructure across the United States, a more efficient and predictable

permitting process is essential. Clear rules of the road help us plan long term, coordinate with utilities and local governments, and make investments that create jobs while supporting reliable and affordable power for AI workloads and many other sectors. We are bringing new power online to support sites like our flagship Stargate campus in Abilene, and in grid-connected regions we're working with local utilities to expand capacity and strengthen stability. Our data centers are designed to be curtailable—reducing their draw or even returning power during peak demand, helping to protect reliability and avoid higher costs for consumers. Across all our US Stargate locations, our operations focus on optimizing both energy and water. And in areas where we build behind-the meter power, we are pushing to connect to the grid so that surplus energy can support local communities. Our goal is to become a net contributor to the regions we operate in—adding capacity, improving resilience, and helping keep energy reliable and affordable for everyone.

We are grateful to Chairman Bruce Westerman and Representatives Jared Golden, Henry Cuellar, Pete Stauber, Vicente Gonzalez, Harriet Hageman, Michael Baumgartner, Gabe Evans, Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Donald Davis, and Mariannette Miller-Meeks for their bipartisan leadership in introducing and advancing the SPEED Act. Their work reflects a growing recognition that the United States needs modern infrastructure and modern permitting systems to remain competitive in AI, energy, manufacturing, and other strategic industries.

OpenAI is committed to working with Congress, federal agencies, and stakeholders across the country to ensure that AI is developed and deployed in ways that are safe, beneficial, and widely accessible. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance H.R. 4776 and stand ready to serve as a resource as you continue your important work on this topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chan Park", with a stylized, flowing script.

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