



## What They Are Saying: H.R. 4776, The SPEED Act

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Sept. 15, 2025

CONTACT: [John Seibels](#) (202) 225-2761



**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Recently, House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) and U.S. Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine) introduced the bipartisan Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. Organizations, officials and a wide variety of industry leaders from across the

country have voiced their support for the legislation that will create certainty in the permitting process and spur domestic investment in critical infrastructure, energy and conservation projects. Here is what policy and business leaders are saying:

*"The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) currently represents the biggest regulatory impediment to industrial development in the United States. By reforming NEPA and guaranteeing a more efficient and predictable review process, the SPEED Act will bolster U.S. investment, job creation, and domestic supply chains while addressing the energy and industrial demands of the 21st century. This bipartisan reform effort, led by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Jared Golden (D-ME), will make the United States a stronger, more competitive, and more resilient nation."*

**– Mark DiPlacido, policy advisor, American Compass**

*"The American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF) endorses Chairman Bruce Westerman's SPEED Act, a bipartisan initiative to modernize NEPA, streamline permitting, and spur economic growth. By cutting bureaucratic delays and enhancing investment certainty, it accelerates critical infrastructure projects while upholding environmental protections and driving job creation, energy dominance, and innovation for a stronger, sustainable America. This forward-thinking legislation balances progress with responsibility and is critical to strengthening U.S. competitiveness."*

**– American Council for Capital Formation**

*"With increasing energy demand, forest fire risk, and other challenges, American energy developers and landscape stewards must be able to move quickly. With the SPEED Act, Chairman Westerman and Rep. Golden are leading the bipartisan charge to rescind unnecessary barriers that prevent us from responsibly unleashing all forms of American energy and properly managing out landscapes."* – **Chris Barnard, president, American Conservation Coalition Action**

*"From energy production to housing to broadband expansion, infrastructure projects across the country are mired in review processes that bear little relation to actual environmental outcomes. This legislation would restore balance and ensure that NEPA fulfills its original purpose to inform, not obstruct development. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Committee to support prompt approval of the SPEED Act and advance policies that streamline the permitting process, promote infrastructure resilience, and unlock economic opportunity for all Americans."* – **Lisa B. Nelson, CEO, American Legislative Exchange Council Action**

*"Americans for Prosperity applauds Chairman Bruce Westerman of the House Natural Resources Committee for introducing the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. As the nation faces growing demand for energy development and infrastructure, the SPEED Act modernizes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by clarifying its scope, streamlining the review process, and establishing a clear timeline for project evaluations. We urge Members of the House to support this important legislation and look forward to its*



*consideration in the future."* – **Brent Gardner, chief government affairs officer, Americans for Prosperity**

*"BRT welcomes the introduction of the SPEED Act by Chairman Westerman and Rep. Golden. By making fixes to the NEPA reviews and providing greater clarity, this bill supports the permitting reform needed to advance US infrastructure and energy projects."* – **Business Roundtable**

*"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 reigning in the delays imposed by frivolous litigation, the SPEED Act would help deliver more affordable and dependable power, without compromising on environmental protection. This bill would be a win for the economy and the environment."* – **Nick Loris, executive vice president of policy, C3 Solutions**

*"Center of the American Experiment applauds the SPEED Act and the efforts of Chairman Westerman, Rep. Golden, and the members of the House Natural Resources committee to make the NEPA process work better for all Americans."* – **Sarah Montalbano, energy and environmental policy fellow, Center of the American Experiment**

*"We appreciate the SPEED Act's effort to further clarify review processes for agencies and courts. These commonsense reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will provide a path to strengthen domestic supply chains and accelerate deployment of technology and infrastructure for all types of energy. The U.S. can no longer afford years of legal uncertainty that benefits our adversaries by hindering investment in projects critical to our economic and national security."* – **Heather Reams, president and CEO, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions**

*"I applaud Chairman Westerman and Congressman Golden for coming together to introduce a bipartisan permitting bill that would significantly modernize the federal permitting system and let America build. This bill is an impressive package that balances both speed and safety. If enacted, the bill would provide much-needed predictability for project developers to meet the pressing challenges of rising energy demand."* – **Jeremy Harrell, CEO, ClearPath Action**

*"Streamlining outdated permitting processes will help America's electric companies better serve our customers and help our nation achieve energy dominance. We appreciate Chairman Westerman and Representative Golden's leadership and urge Congress to advance this common-sense legislation that meaningfully removes roadblocks and supports the infrastructure that powers communities across America."* – **Drew Maloney, president and CEO, Edison Electric Institute**

*"Faster permitting will mean lower project costs, reduced electricity prices, and more*

*competitive manufacturing. It will mean American technology companies can build the data centers needed to lead in artificial intelligence, and it will mean that energy developers can deliver reliable, affordable power when and where it's needed. The SPEED Act represents an essential step toward comprehensive permitting reform. We look forward to working with Congress on this critical issue."* – **Thomas Hochman, director of infrastructure policy, Foundation for American Innovation**

*"The Gulf South Business Roundtable (GSBR) applauds Chairman Westerman and Representative Golden's leadership to introduce legislation which is a significant step forward for permitting reform. This bill will speed the approval of energy and infrastructure projects critical to long-term economic growth of the country and the Gulf South region. By establishing a more efficient process for projects that need federal environmental review, the SPEED Act strikes a necessary balance to support appropriate judicial review while preserving essential environmental protections. The Gulf South Business Roundtable looks forward to working with both members on this and other pivotal legislation in the coming months."* – **Gulf South Business Roundtable**

*"Thank you for introducing the bipartisan Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act of 2025 with your colleague, Jared Golden (D-ME). Independent Women fights for women and their loved ones by effectively expanding support for policy solutions that aren't just well-intended, but actually enhance people's freedom, opportunities, and well-being. The SPEED Act of 2025 would expedite the approval of new energy, infrastructure, and forest management projects. Red tape, overregulation, and frivolous environmentalist lawsuits have doomed essential projects to seven to ten years of environmental review—even before new projects are constructed."* – **Gabriella Hoffman, director, Independent Women's Voice's Center for Energy and Conservation**

*"On behalf of the more than 530,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. This bipartisan legislation will help to modernize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to streamline the permitting process. LIUNA is proud to support this important bill, which will ease time-consuming regulatory hurdles that kill job opportunities for LIUNA members."* – **Brent Booker, general president, Laborers' International Union of North America**

*"The data increasingly shows that permitting delays hold back energy development and economic growth for our nation. This latest bipartisan effort from Congress is a big step in the right direction toward making it easier to build and invest in the United States."* – **Phillip Rossetti, senior fellow for energy and environment, R Street Institute**

*"On behalf of The Permitting Institute (TPI), I write to express our strong support for*

*the 'Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act' (SPEED Act). As a nonprofit, nonpartisan trade association committed to practical, structural permitting reform, we commend you and the Committee for introducing legislation that reflects both urgency and institutional clarity in advancing environmental review modernization."* – **Alexander Herrgott, president, The Permitting Institute**

*"I am completely in support of the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act that was introduced by Congressman Bruce Westerman and Congressman Jared Golden. The NEPA process is a tremendous economic burden and very cumbersome. Any refinement would be a great benefit."* – **Bill Barnes, president, Tri-Pennant Family of Lake Resorts**

*"The Chamber applauds Chairman Bruce Westerman and Congressman Jared Golden for advancing important bipartisan agreement on permitting reform through the introduction of the SPEED Act, a vital step to help achieve a durable solution. For America to live up to its potential and drive economic growth, the Chamber and its Permit America to Build coalition are advocating for comprehensive permitting reform that will enhance transparency and reduce delays. We look forward to working with Congress to help achieve these goals as soon as possible."* – **Chad Whiteman, vice president of environment and regulatory affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Energy Institute**

###