



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

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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 leaders in the mining industry are saying:

"The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) writes to provide its support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED Act). We sincerely appreciate you and Congressman Golden's introduction of this bipartisan bill aimed to improve America's permitting process...It is high time to enact meaningful permitting and litigation reform that will establish efficient permitting processes and predictable timelines to bring new mineral production online in America." – **Deantha Skibinski, executive director, Alaska Miners Association**

"The SPEED Act is a welcome package of reforms to refocus NEPA on analyzing specific actions in a timely manner so that agency officials can make informed decisions, and responsible projects can move forward expeditiously. The SPEED Act focuses reviews on the potential environmental effects proximate to agency actions, clarifies the scope of "major federal actions" appropriate for review, eliminating duplicative multi-agency NEPA review, addresses NEPA review time delays, and establishes an appropriate statute of limitations for challenging NEPA reviews. By making these commonsense improvements, H.R. 4776 will restore the original design of NEPA to inform agency decision makers on the potential effects of decisions under consideration by the relevant agency and allow projects to move forward without the distracted review of matters extraneous to the decision at issue, frivolous litigation, and endless delays." – **Adam Eckman, president and CEO, Colorado Mining Association**

"On behalf of Integra Resources, I write to express our strong support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act, (H.R. 4776)...We appreciate the recent efforts by both Congress and the Trump Administration to advance a responsible and resilient domestic mining industry. The bipartisan support for the SPEED Act is particularly encouraging, reflecting a shared recognition of the vital need for domestic mineral development. We are hopeful that the strong, bipartisan support for the legislation will generate momentum for permitting reform in both chambers of Congress. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to strengthening America's mineral supply chains." – **George Salamis, president, CEO and director, Integra Resources**

"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."

– Bo Machayo, head of U.S. government and public affairs, Micron

"We applaud Chairman Westerman and Representative Golden for supporting NEPA reforms that will help secure the nation's material supply chains and encourage development of our energy resources. For decades, inefficiencies in the NEPA process have contributed to the lengthy and unpredictable delays for projects that provide the minerals, energy resources and raw materials the United States needs. These delays erode the value of mining projects and discourage capital investments. The bipartisan SPEED Act is an important step forward to enhance America's economic competitiveness and national security while safeguarding the environment." – **Rich Nolan, president and CEO, National Mining Association**

"From upstream mine and midstream processing to downstream advanced manufacturing, we must develop every part of the mineral supply chain with urgency. The current federal permitting process deters investment due to prolonged timelines and lack of process objectivity—the SPEED Act will help address these challenges and help the nation responsibly develop our mineral resources while maintaining public input and transparency." – **Abigail Hunter, executive director, SAFE's Center for Critical Mineral Strategy**

"Today, an estimated \$1.5 trillion in critical energy projects is currently suspended in the permitting process, costing stakeholders billions of dollars in losses and delaying essential benefits for American national and economic security. Reindustrialization, continued world leadership in artificial intelligence, and other goals set by the President require more power and transmission to be built at a much faster pace. The SPEED Act can help streamline this process, ultimately strengthening our national security by helping reliable and resilient energy infrastructure become a reality, not a dream for the distant future." – **Danielle Russo, executive director, SAFE's Center for Grid Security**

"Vulcan Elements strongly supports the SPEED Act. As an American permanent magnet company that is fully decoupled from China, Vulcan understands the urgency of rapidly scaling critical minerals production to meet the nation's growing demand. The SPEED Act will accelerate critical growth in this sector by clarifying key points of understanding and streamlining the NEPA process for vital projects. This legislation will be an important enabler of American dominance in critical minerals mining, refining, and manufacturing." – **Vulcan Elements**

"The SPEED Act will eliminate NEPA's chokehold on our mineral and national security and our economic well-being and will restore common sense to NEPA. WMC applauds you and Congressman Golden for your leadership and vision in introducing this bill and urges your colleagues to enact it expeditiously." – **Debra W. Stuhlsacker, co-founder and board member & Lyndsey Wright, executive director, Women's Mining Coalition**

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