



November 18, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6201

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member, House Natural Resources Committee  
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**Re: Markup of the “Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act” or the “SPEED Act” (H.R. 4776)**

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

GPA Midstream Association applauds the House Natural Resources Committee for advancing the “*Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act*” or the “*SPEED Act*” (H.R. 4776). We appreciate the Committee’s commitment to take meaningful steps to modernize and streamline the federal permitting process.

GPA Midstream is composed of approximately 50 corporate members that directly employ over 57,000 employees that are engaged in the gathering, transportation, processing, treating, storage and marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGLs), crude oil, and refined products, commonly referred to in the industry as “midstream activities.” In 2024, GPA Midstream members operated more than 500,000 miles of pipelines, gathered nearly 91 Bcf/d of natural gas, and operated more than 340 natural gas processing facilities. Our members are an invisible link between raw natural gas and crude oil produced at the wellhead and the distribution of products to consumers for heating, electricity production, transportation, steelmaking, fertilizer production, plastics, high-tech devices, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and much more.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) has become unnecessarily cumbersome and needs to be reformed. This legislation will help do just that, accelerating the development of critical energy infrastructure. This bill will also help ensure special interest groups cannot use the courts to stop energy infrastructure construction, which has been



done in the past. We commend Congress for recognizing the need for durable permitting reform that balances environmental stewardship with economic growth.

GPA Midstream appreciates your leadership on this important issue and stands ready to serve as a resource as both Chambers move to pass the *SPEED Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Saulters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "S" and "A".

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