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The Honorable Donald John Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As leaders of America's foremost energy trade associations, we write to express our strong support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act and to respectfully urge the Administration to prioritize its advancement.

The undersigned associations represent the vast majority of U.S. oil and gas companies and the full supply chain that produces the energy Americans rely on every day, energy that powers homes, businesses, transportation, and national infrastructure. By supporting domestic energy development, we also lift communities, strengthen families, and sustain American industries, creating economic and societal benefits that lift every part of the country.

Modernizing federal permitting is essential to achieving the Administration's stated goals of restoring American energy dominance, strengthening domestic industry, and accelerating major U.S. infrastructure and energy investment.

Across every segment of the U.S. energy and infrastructure economy, our members face the same obstacle: federal permitting uncertainty is slowing investment, delaying projects, raising costs, and undermining America's competitive position. A predictable, efficient permitting framework is foundational to sustaining U.S. energy leadership and delivering on the Administration's vision for streamlined federal processes and revitalized American production.

An estimated \$1.1 to \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investment is stalled in federal permitting, according to McKinsey & Company¹. More than 650 projects on the Federal Permitting Dashboard await approval, and long-duration projects routinely spend four to five years navigating the process². These delays divert investment overseas, hinder development of reliable domestic energy, and make it harder to rebuild American infrastructure and industrial capacity.

The urgency continues to grow. The rapid rise of artificial intelligence, data centers, and advanced computing is driving unprecedented demand for electricity and energy infrastructure. Power consumption from data centers alone is expected to double within a few years³. Meeting this demand, from natural gas and nuclear facilities to transmission, pipelines, and offshore infrastructure, requires a permitting system capable of supporting major, long-term investment.

The SPEED Act offers a practical and meaningful solution. By establishing clear timelines, transparent procedures, and guardrails to prevent unnecessary vacatur of project approvals, the legislation provides the regulatory certainty needed to advance complex, capital-intensive energy projects.

Permitting certainty is investment certainty. Supporting the SPEED Act will help:

- Create and sustain high-quality jobs across engineering, manufacturing, shipbuilding, maritime services, fabrication, and offshore operations.
- Strengthen U.S. energy security by enabling responsible development of domestic resources across all energy types.
- Keep investment in America by providing the stability companies need to build and innovate here at home.
- Expand industrial capacity required to meet rising demand from AI, data centers, and modern infrastructure.
- Maintain U.S. competitiveness in global energy production and emerging technologies.

We respectfully urge the Administration to support the SPEED Act and to work with Congress to advance permitting modernization. Doing so will reinforce U.S. leadership in offshore energy, support workers in every state, and help build the energy and infrastructure systems a 21st-century economy requires, fully aligned with the Administration's commitment to restoring American energy dominance.

¹ <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-sector/our-insights/unlocking-us-federal-permitting-a-sustainable-growth-imperative>

² https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/nepa-practice/CEQ_EIS_Timeline_Report_2020-6-12.pdf

³ <https://www.spglobal.com/energy/en/news-research/latest-news/electric-power/110525-global-data-center-power-demand-expected-to-almost-double-by-2030>

Thank you for your attention to policies that strengthen American energy security, competitiveness, and economic growth. Our associations stand ready to work with you to advance these priorities.

Sincerely,

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