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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
US House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman,

Garver is writing to express strong support for the legislation you sponsored, H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. This bipartisan legislation represents a critical step toward modernizing the federal permitting process and unlocking the full potential of American infrastructure and energy development.

For over five decades, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) has served as a foundational statute for environmental review. However, its procedural framework has become increasingly burdensome, leading to costly delays, duplicative reviews, and litigation that stifles progress.

The SPEED Act would give project owners greater certainty, streamline legal review, and align NEPA with recent Supreme Court rulings. It would also introduce rational changes eliminating redundancy while improving transparency and control over review timelines. The SPEED Act reforms would create a more efficient and predictable process allowing owners to maximize federal transportation dollars. The SPEED Act restores NEPA to its original purpose ensuring environmental stewardship without obstructing economic growth.

Garver appreciates your leadership on this issue and looks forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Brock Hoskins
President and CEO