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The Honorable Mike Johnson
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
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Dear Speaker Johnson and Democratic Leader Jeffries,

Across our country, American families and businesses need more affordable energy. It is more important than ever that Washington act soon to cut red tape and lower prices for consumers. On behalf of our combined industries—which supply a majority share of the energy infrastructure that powers America’s economy—we write to express strong support for H.R. 4776 the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. This bipartisan legislation takes critical steps to reforming a permitting system that too often chills investment, creates uncertainty, and increases costs and delays for essential energy infrastructure projects.

Rising energy demand and increasing power costs are exposing the immediate need for more energy infrastructure. Unfortunately, weaknesses of the existing permitting process are preventing essential projects from advancing. Because major projects span multi-year reviews, they are particularly vulnerable to changes in political direction. Clear, consistent, durable permitting statutes and rules are crucial to ensuring that projects proceed through the permitting process to completion.

The SPEED Act directly addresses these challenges and represents meaningful bipartisan progress toward a more stable and dependable permitting framework. The legislation reduces delays and provides greater confidence for investments in energy infrastructure by establishing clear permitting milestones and reinforcing the certainty of fully permitted projects. As the House continues to refine this package, these milestones should include enforceability provisions to ensure accountability when deadlines are missed. The bill also improves environmental reviews by streamlining existing NEPA procedures and reducing

unnecessary litigation—helping well-supported projects move forward without prolonged delays.

While the SPEED Act makes important progress, there are additional ways Congress can facilitate the development of reliable and affordable energy infrastructure as part of a broader permitting package.

As the SPEED Act progresses, we urge continued bipartisan support for its passage. The reforms contained in H.R. 4776 are critical to providing permitting certainty and supporting long-term economic growth. Our organizations stand ready to work with Congress to advance these solutions and ensure that the United States maintains the robust infrastructure needed for a strong and secure energy future.

Sincerely,



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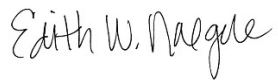
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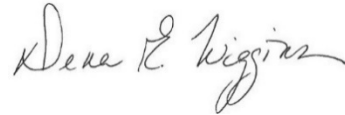
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