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LEPA Part of Energy Coalition Supporting House Action on Permitting Reform

WASHINGTON, DC – On Thursday, the Liquid Energy Pipeline Association (LEPA) joined a broad coalition of energy and pipeline groups supporting House action on legislation to speed review of energy projects. H.R. 4776, the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act* brings greatly needed reforms to unleash American energy for our families and workers.

"Permitting reform offers an exciting opportunity to help deliver Americans the affordable, reliable and safe energy they need and want," said Andy Black, LEPA President and CEO.

With permitting for energy infrastructure projects taking 10 years or longer, the permitting process is clearly broken. LEPA supports the meaningful permitting reforms of the SPEED Act that will make a difference in the review of pipeline projects.

Several recent NEPA improvements, such as page limits and deadlines, were positive but also left in place dysfunctional legal reviews. The SPEED Act includes judicial reform provisions vital to fixing NEPA, including a reasonable statute of limitations, expedited court reviews, limitations on courts substituting their own judgment for agencies, restraints on throwing out a project permit based on a NEPA deficiency, and requiring agencies to make court ordered fixes to NEPA documents promptly.

In addition to LEPA, the American Clean Power Association, American Exploration & Production Council, American Gas Association, American Petroleum Institute, Edison Electric Institute, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, Liquid Energy Pipeline Association and Natural Gas Supply Association all joined in publicly supporting SPEED Act passage.

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
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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,



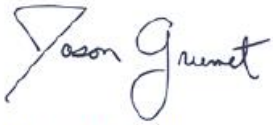
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