



December 18, 2025

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national construction industry trade association with 67 chapters and more than 23,000 members, I write to express strong support for [H.R.4776](#), the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act. **ABC urges you to vote "Yes" on this bill and will consider it a KEY VOTE on our Scorecard for the 119th Congress.**

Introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-Ark., the SPEED Act delivers long-needed reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act that streamline the federal permitting process for the construction industry, project sponsors and the public.

Among the SPEED Act's many essential reforms, ABC particularly supports:

- Codifying NEPA's intent is to prescribe the necessary processes rather than mandate particular results;
- Clarifying that federal funding or assistance alone does not determine whether an activity qualifies as a major federal action;
- Narrowing the scope of NEPA review to impacts that are reasonably foreseeable and have a close causal relationship to the proposed federal action; and
- Establishing reasonable timelines and procedural limits for filing judicial review claims.

These reforms reduce unnecessary permitting delays and prevent the misuse of litigation and the application of regulations to advance political or policy objectives unrelated to NEPA's intended purpose. In doing so, the SPEED Act provides project sponsors and contractors with the certainty they need to plan, invest and execute even the most complex construction projects.

ABC considers passage of the SPEED Act essential to meeting the nation's construction and infrastructure needs while maintaining environmental protections and responsible stewardship of public funds.

For these reasons, ABC urges you to vote yes on H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen Swearingen".

Kristen Swearingen
Vice President, Government Affairs