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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Democratic Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Senate Majority Leader Thune, Senate Democratic Leader Schumer, and House Democratic Leader Jeffries:

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and the more than 300 U.S. electrical manufacturers we represent write to express strong support for the bipartisan Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act (H.R. 4776). We encourage swift action to modernize America's federal permitting system.

NEMA is pleased to see leadership from Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR), Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME), and others in Congress to address the complex, outdated, and burdensome permitting processes that continue to impede urgently needed transmission development, grid modernization, and domestic manufacturing investment. The SPEED Act offers practical, common-sense solutions that will streamline federal approvals, reduce costs, and accelerate deployment of the infrastructure required to meet surging electricity demand.

NEMA members produce the technologies that power the nation, including transformers, switchgear, circuit breakers, advanced lighting, storage systems, industrial controls, and the digital technologies that enable a modern, reliable grid. Since 2018, our companies have invested nearly $200 billion in new U.S. manufacturing capacity to meet rapidly rising demand driven by data centers, AI, critical infrastructure upgrades, and contemporary manufacturing. These investments and the jobs and economic growth they support depend on a permitting process that can keep pace with national infrastructure needs to help communities build and prosper again.

Today, however, major transmission upgrades, grid modernization projects, and manufacturing expansions face multi-year delays that raise project costs, stall grid improvements, limit industrial expansion, and increase energy costs for American businesses and families. At the same time, the electrical equipment supply chain is strained by extended lead times and domestic workforce shortages.

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The SPEED Act addresses these issues by:

- Establishing clear and enforceable timelines for federal reviews;
- Improving interagency coordination and accountability;
- Reducing duplicative environmental reviews while maintaining rigorous environmental protections; and
- Enhancing transparency for project sponsors, communities, and local leaders.

Accelerating deployment of energy and electrical manufacturing projects puts us on the right track toward achieving the Trump Administration's energy, AI, and manufacturing goals. By enabling projects to move forward, the SPEED Act is a meaningful step forward that will usher in a new era of American economic competitiveness.

We urge Congress to advance the SPEED Act without delay. NEMA and our member companies stand ready to support your efforts and to work closely with Congress and the Administration as this important legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

Debra Phillips
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National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)