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The Honorable Bruce Westerman (R-AR - Committee Chair)
and
The Honorable Jared Golden (D-ME)
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Bangor International Airport Statement in Support of Airport-Related Provisions in H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act

Dear Congressman Westerman and Congressman Golden:

Bangor International Airport (BGR) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on H.R. 4776, the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. These remarks are limited solely to the provisions of the bill that affect airport-related environmental review and permitting processes. This statement does not offer comment on the legislation's implications for other industries or regulatory areas outside airport operations.

BGR is currently planning several critical infrastructure improvements, including a new fuel farm facility, expanded hangar facilities, and a solar farm which is a practical investment that enhances energy resilience, diversifies our energy portfolio, and reduces long-term operating vulnerabilities. These projects are essential to maintaining safe, efficient, and competitive airport operations, as well as supporting the regional economy.

As drafted, H.R. 4776 would:

- Expedite environmental review processes by reducing duplication and allowing federal agencies to rely on existing State or Federal reviews, thereby shortening project timelines.
- Clarify project scope and purpose, ensuring that environmental analyses focus on reasonably proximate effects of Federal actions and preventing delays caused by theoretical review requirements.
- Improve predictability and certainty by establishing clearer procedures for judicial review and limiting prolonged litigation.

These reforms would directly support airports such as BGR by enabling timely progress on projects ranging from traditional safety- and capacity-driven infrastructure to energy-resilience initiatives such as our planned on-airport solar farm. Streamlining NEPA requirements, while



preserving necessary environmental protections, will help ensure that airports can advance essential improvements that support safe operations, economic competitiveness, and the aviation needs of the communities we serve.

Accordingly, we respectfully encourage support for the airport-related provisions contained in H.R. 4776 that address longstanding permitting challenges within the aviation sector. We defer to Congress on broader policy considerations of the bill as they relate to other industries.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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