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**MEMORANDUM**

November 27, 2023

**To: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing titled “Digging Deeper: Ensuring Safety and Security in the Critical Mineral Supply Chain”**

On **Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 2:00 PM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing titled “Digging Deeper: Ensuring Safety and Security in the Critical Mineral Supply Chain.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

Critical minerals are essential to the U.S. economy and are necessary components to products Americans rely on every day. Vulnerabilities in critical mineral supply chains—including overreliance on foreign imports—present a threat to national security and the economic sectors dependent on these materials.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will provide an opportunity to examine American reliance on critical minerals, materials, and their supply chains.

**III. WITNESSES:**

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