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Dear Committee Members,

Advanced Energy United is a national association of businesses working to achieve 100% clean energy and electrified transportation in the United States. We represent a diverse array of companies that manufacture, develop, and operate clean generation, energy storage, electric vehicles, efficiency services, and other technologies that comprise the advanced energy industry.

As an industry, we recognize the need to increase the production of critical minerals, including copper, nickel, lithium, and cobalt, for the U.S. to make the transition to 100% clean energy and electrified transportation at speed and scale. The U.S. should work with allies around the world to ramp up international production, but to build robust, reliable supply chains to support and sustain the expansion of American advanced energy manufacturing, we must also ramp up domestic mining and processing of these resources. The Iron Range is home to some of America's, and the world's, richest deposits of critical minerals, including many of those mentioned above. As such, it can serve as the U.S. backbone of a clean energy revolution, just as the Range has done for prior eras in American industrial history.

At Advanced Energy United, we understand and support the need to maintain rigorous environmental protections as the U.S. expands production of critical minerals. Indeed, we would advocate that policies that increase domestic production should be paired with smart reuse and recycling policy, reducing the need for additional extraction over the long term. In our estimation, approval of House Concurrent Resolution 34 does not undercut state or federal environmental regulations that projects must meet.

Such projects should likewise benefit the communities in which they are located throughout the process of development and operation. It is our understanding that potential mining and processing projects in this area will produce substantial community benefits in the form of extensive economic investment and job growth for decades to come, and, as such, enjoy significant support.

For all of these reasons, Advanced Energy United supports House Concurrent Resolution 34. We welcome any additional questions the Members may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harrison Godfrey", is written over a white rectangular background.

Harrison Godfrey
Managing Director, Advanced Energy United