



# MININGMINNESOTA

RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT  
of NATURAL RESOURCES

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Chairman Pete Stauber  
Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee  
1324 Longworth House Office Building

Ranking Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  
Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee  
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Congressman Stauber and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez:

As the Executive Director of MiningMinnesota, I am writing to share our organization's support for both House Concurrent Resolution 34 and the draft legislation "*Superior National Forest Restoration Act.*"

MiningMinnesota is committed to promoting respectful, constructive conversations about sustainable and responsible mining of nonferrous metals in our state. Our organization works with local citizens, businesses, and other organizations to cultivate healthy dialogue surrounding mining, particularly needed as Minnesota and our nation move forward with energy goals that necessitate greater amounts of metals to power our world than are currently produced.

Our members are deeply concerned that the critical discussions we need to be having as a country about the ethical sourcing of materials to support the energy transition are being stopped short by sweeping actions such as the federal minerals withdrawal. The complex conversations must continue regarding those resources and these pieces of legislation support that mission.

Respectfully,

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