



September 9, 2025

The Hon. Bruce Westerman, Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6201

RE: Alaska Energy Metals Corp.'s Support for the SPEED Act

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of Alaska Energy Metals Corporation (AEMC), I'm writing to express our strong support for the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act, (H.R. 4776). I'd also like to thank you for the time you and other members of the House Natural Resources Committee spent in Alaska last week hearing from the mining industry. It is clear we are in a new era for American mining.

Long permitting timelines, extensive litigation, and regulatory uncertainty have long been significant roadblocks to domestic mining, resulting in our continued reliance on China for key minerals instead of producing them here at home. AEMC's Nikolai Project is the U.S.'s largest nickel resource and contains several other critical minerals, including cobalt; but, the current permitting environment poses a major hurdle to producing and domestically refining these minerals to meet our country's skyrocketing mineral demand.

By streamlining *National Environmental Policy Act* reviews, clarifying permitting timelines, and reasonably limiting litigation, the SPEED Act would provide the transparency, predictability, and efficiency needed for project development without sacrificing environmental protections or public input. We in Alaska know that developing mineral resources and protecting our environment do not have to be at odds.

AEMC appreciates the focus from the Trump Administration and Congress on reducing reliance on foreign supply chains by developing our country's own mineral resources. Permitting reform is key to unlocking those resources. The bipartisan support for the SPEED Act and increasing attention on critical minerals shows that now is the time to act. Thank you for your continued, active leadership on supporting American mining.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Beischer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory Beischer
CEO, President, and Director
Alaska Energy Metals Corporation