We applaud Chairman Westerman and Representative Golden for supporting NEPA reforms that will help secure the nation's material supply chains and encourage development of our energy resources. For decades, inefficiencies in the NEPA process have contributed to the lengthy and unpredictable delays for projects that provide the minerals, energy resources and raw materials the United States needs. These delays erode the value of mining projects and discourage capital investments. The bipartisan SPEED Act is an important step forward to enhance America's economic competitiveness and national security while safeguarding the environment.

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