



September 17th, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources

Dear Chairman Westerman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the millions of Americans for Prosperity grassroots activists across the country, we urge Committee Members to support Representative Pete Stauber's H.R. 4090, *To codify certain provisions of certain Executive Orders relating to domestic mining and hardrock mineral resources, and for other purposes*.

Throughout his time in Congress, Representative Pete Stauber has been a steadfast champion of mineral extraction in the United States, working to secure a robust future not only for his district in Minnesota but for the nation as a whole. As Chairman of the Energy & Mineral Resources Subcommittee, Mr. Stauber recognizes the urgent need to reform our permitting process to unlock the mineral foundation necessary for energy abundance.

Building on the momentum created by President Donald Trump's Executive Orders to reorient federal mineral extraction policy, H.R. 4090 seeks to codify many of those directives to ensure Congressional alignment. Specifically, the bill advances the following priorities:

- Encourages domestic production of hardrock minerals.
- Strengthens the domestic supply chain for hardrock minerals.
- Increases accountability for priority mineral projects.
- Identifies mineral opportunities on federal lands in accordance with applicable laws.
- Requires the federal government to identify and address permitting hurdles to streamline domestic mineral projects.
- Directs relevant secretaries to continue efforts to map potential domestic mineral supplies for future extraction.

Even with robust permitting reform, a reliable supply of extractive mineral resources will be essential to power America's energy future. Chairman Stauber is proactively addressing this challenge, and we urge Members to support H.R. 4090 to demonstrate strong support for American mineral development and energy potential.

For these reasons, we ask Committee Members to report Mr. Stauber's legislation favorably to the House Floor on markup.

Sincerely,

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