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The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

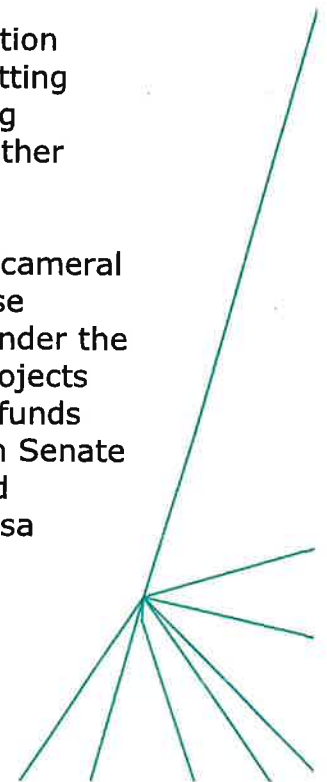
The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of the National Mining Association, I write in support of legislation being considered at today's hearing. The bills referenced below share the bipartisan goal of promoting domestic energy and mineral development to meet our country's energy, economic and national security needs.

At a time when energy and mineral demand is soaring, we need reliable supply chains that deliver for our nation's economy now and into the future. To support these supply chains, we need the clarity and regulatory certainty the mining industry depends on to make generational investments. We especially support:

- Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025 (H.R. 1501) – This legislation would codify mining as a covered project under the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC) and ensure that the mining industry is eligible to receive all the permitting benefits given to other industry projects already covered under FPISC.
- Critical Minerals Supply Chain Resiliency Act (H.R. 5929) – This bicameral and bipartisan legislation would allow projects that receive Defense Production Act (DPA) funds to be treated as a "covered project" under the FPISC permitting dashboard. Further, it will ensure that mining projects already under stringent review of the DPA do not waste taxpayer funds mired in existing permitting delays and duplication. The bipartisan Senate companion legislation, the Permit Reform in Mining for Energy and Defense (PRIMED) Act (S. 3511), was introduced by Senators Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa).



These bills work to address our nation's existing supply chain vulnerabilities and will enhance America's economic and strategic competitiveness. I urge your support for these important pieces of legislation as you work to improve domestic energy and mineral supply chain security while maintaining our world-leading safety and environmental standards.

Sincerely,

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Rich Nolan

