

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 9640
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Earth MRI Reauthor-
3 ization Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. EARTH MAPPING RESOURCES INITIATIVE REAU-
5 THORIZATION.**

6 (a) PURPOSE.—Section 40201(c)(1) of the Infra-
7 structure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 311(c)(1))
8 is amended by inserting “, which may include data derived
9 from modern sensing technologies, including advanced
10 geophysical data acquisition approaches such as airborne
11 gravity gradiometry, digital geochemistry and other ad-
12 vanced geochemical characterization methods, real-time or
13 near real-time data acquisition systems, and data-driven
14 analytical methods to improve the characterization of crit-
15 ical mineral, geothermal, geologic hydrogen, and other
16 subsurface resource systems” after “geophysical map-
17 ping”.

1 (b) INTEGRATION OF DATA SOURCES.—Section
2 40201(g) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
3 (43 U.S.C. 31*l*(g)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
5 graph (6);

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
7 end; and

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(5) the 3D Hydrography Program of the
11 United States Geological Survey; and”.

12 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 40201(h) of the In-
13 frastructure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 31*l*(h))
14 is amended by inserting “and \$84,000,000 for the period
15 of fiscal years 2027 through 2031” after “2022 through
16 2026”.

17 (d) CONTRACTS.—Section 40201 of the Infrastruc-
18 ture Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 31*l*) is amended
19 by adding at the end the following:

20 “(i) CONTRACTS.—

21 “(1) PREFERENCE GIVEN TO CERTAIN ENTI-
22 TIES.—In entering into contracts pursuant to car-
23 rying out the Initiative, the Director of the United
24 States Geological Survey shall, to the extent prac-
25 ticable, give preference to United States-owned and

1 United States-controlled entities while ensuring that
2 the selection process appropriately considers special-
3 ized expertise essential to the objectives of the Ini-
4 tiative.

5 “(2) DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP.—To enter
6 into a contract with the Director of the United
7 States Geological Survey pursuant to the Initiative,
8 an entity shall disclose the ownership of the primary
9 contractor and each subcontractor expected to carry
10 out any part of the contract.”.

