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July 25, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker McCarthy, Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McConnell:

We write today in support of Section 444 within H.R. 4821, legislation which would provide the certainty needed for critical mineral production to continue in the United States necessary for a cleaner and more secure energy future, we hope you will give every possible consideration to enacting this measure before the end of the year.

The legislative language contained in Section 444 within H.R. 4821 is reflective of the strong bipartisan support this provision enjoys in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. In the Senate, corresponding bipartisan legislation (S. 1281; Mining Regulatory Clarity Act) has been introduced by Senators Cortez Masto, Rosen, Sinema, Risch, Crapo, and Murkowski and in the House of Representatives, Congressman Amodei and Peltola have introduced H.R. 2925. Their combined advocacy for this measure not only highlights the importance critical minerals play in our clean energy future, but also a substantial number of jobs across the United States attributable to responsible mining companies.

The necessity for this measure is highlighted by the fact that decisions stemming from *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service et al* have effectively paralyzed the ability for the United States to operate mines efficiently and responsibly. In the absence of the enactment of the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act, decades of precedent and investment in the clean energy economy and corresponding good-paying American jobs have been thrown into turmoil. The enactment of this legislation is the single best way to provide the appropriate amount of certainty needed to underpin the ability of the United States to meet the extraordinary mineral demand necessary to meet the challenge of clean energy future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, your work to help improve the federal permitting process, and your public service.

Sincerely,

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Rich Nolan
President and CEO
National Mining Association

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Albert Gore
Executive Director
Zero Emission Transportation Association