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The Honorable Bruce Westerman Chairman Committee on Natural Resources U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Raul Grijavla Ranking Member Committee on Natural Resources U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 2925, the "Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2023," and we thank you for considering this important legislation.

Rapidly increasing demand for critical minerals coupled with advancing geopolitical instability makes developing a secure and reliable domestic supply chain for critical minerals vital. H.R. 2925 would help remove permitting obstacles for domestic critical mineral development and enable common sense construction and safety practices at potential mine sites by establishing a process to enable operators to use, occupy, and conduct operations on public land before mineral deposit have been positively identified.

The Chamber urges you to favorably report H.R. 2925.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Committee on Natural Resources