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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STAUBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. POLICY.**

4 It is the policy of the United States to establish the
5 position of the United States as the leading producer of
6 hardrock minerals, including rare earth minerals, which
7 will—

8 (1) create jobs and prosperity at home;

1 (2) strengthen supply chains for the United
2 States and the allies of the United States;

3 (3) safeguard the national Security of the
4 United States; and

5 (4) reduce the global influence of malign and
6 adversarial states.

7 **SEC. 2. ANALYZING ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF MINERAL NET**
8 **IMPORT RELIANCE.**

9 (a) **COST OF NET IMPORT RELIANCE.**—Not later
10 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural
12 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate—

14 (1) for each mineral commodity included in the
15 document published by the United States Geological
16 Survey titled “Mineral Commodity Summaries
17 2025” (Version 1.2; March 2025) for which the
18 United States is reliant on imports, the dollar value
19 associated with such reliance; and

20 (2) the overall impact on the economy of the
21 United States of imports and exports of mineral
22 commodities listed in the document published by the
23 United States Geological Survey titled “Mineral
24 Commodity Summaries 2025” (Version 1.2; March

1 2025) for which the United States is reliant on im-
2 ports.

3 (b) SUBSEQUENT INCLUSION.—Beginning in 2026,
4 the Secretary, acting through the Director of the United
5 States Geological Survey, shall include in each Mineral
6 Commodity Summaries published by the United States
7 Geological Survey the information described in paragraphs
8 (1) and (2) of subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 3. PRIORITY PROJECTS.**

10 (a) PROJECT IDENTIFICATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually
13 thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the
14 Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to the Com-
15 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
17 ural Resources of the Senate a list of each mining
18 project on Federal land for which a plan of oper-
19 ations, a permit application, or other application for
20 approval has been submitted to the Department of
21 the Interior.

22 (2) APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.—Not
23 later than 10 days after the date on which the Sec-
24 retary submits the list required under paragraph
25 (1), the Secretary shall, in consultation with the Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture, with respect to each mining
2 project included on the list—

3 (A) identify each priority mining project
4 for which the Secretary can immediately ap-
5 prove or issue each plan of operations, permit
6 application, and other application for approval
7 submitted to the Department of the Interior;
8 and

9 (B) take all necessary and appropriate ac-
10 tions to expedite and approve or issue each such
11 plan of operations, permit application, and
12 other application for approval.

13 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL HARDROCK
14 MINERAL AND BYPRODUCT PRODUCTION.—Not later
15 than 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture, shall submit to the Committee on Natural Re-
18 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
19 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
20 a list of each mining project on Federal land, whether ac-
21 tive, inactive, or proposed, that has the potential to—

22 (1) increase production of hardrock minerals or
23 the byproducts of hardrock minerals;

24 (2) expand operations to include the byproducts
25 of hardrock minerals; or

1 (3) produce hardrock minerals from mine
2 tailings.

3 **SEC. 4. MINING POTENTIAL ON FEDERAL LAND.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall identify all
5 Federal land managed by the Secretary or the Secretary
6 of Agriculture, which may be leased for the exploration,
7 development, or production of hardrock minerals or is
8 open to location under the Act of May 10, 1872 (com-
9 monly known as the Mining Law of 1872), where—

10 (1) hardrock mineral exploration is being con-
11 ducted;

12 (2) the Secretary, in consultation with the
13 United States Geological Survey, determines
14 hardrock minerals may be present but where thor-
15 ough exploration has not been conducted; or

16 (3) known economically recoverable hardrock
17 minerals are present.

18 (b) PRIORITY.—In identifying Federal land under
19 subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize identifying
20 Federal land on which the exploration, construction, or op-
21 eration of a mining project—

22 (1) can most quickly be fully permitted and
23 operational; and

24 (2) would have the greatest potential effect on
25 the robustness of the domestic mineral supply chain.

(c) SUBMISSION OF LIST.—The Secretary shall annually submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a list of all Federal land identified under subsection (a).

SEC. 5. REGULATORY REVIEW.

(a) IDENTIFYING BURDENSOME FEDERAL REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall—

(1) review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, settlements, consent orders, public land withdrawals, and any other agency actions within the jurisdiction of the Secretary (in this section referred to collectively as “agency action”) to identify each agency action that imposes an undue burden on the exploration, identification, development, or operation of domestic mining projects;

(2) solicit industry feedback on regulatory bottlenecks and recommended strategies to expedite approval of mining projects on Federal land; and

(3) begin implementing an action plan—

(A) to implement industry feedback received pursuant to paragraph (2); and

1 (B) suspend, revise, or rescind, as applica-
2 ble, each agency action identified as unduly
3 burdensome under paragraph (1) as expedi-
4 tiously as possible.

5 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation
7 with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to Con-
8 gress a report including—

9 (1) recommendations for changes to law in ef-
10 fect as of the date of the enactment of this Act nec-
11 essary to accomplish the policy described in section
12 1; and

13 (2) a nationwide review of State and local stat-
14 utes, regulations, and ordinances the Secretary de-
15 termines impede development of domestic mining
16 and mineral exploration projects.

17 **SEC. 6. MAP BABY MAP.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prioritize ef-
19 forts to accelerate the ongoing, detailed geologic mapping
20 of the United States, with a focus on mapping previously
21 unknown deposits of hardrock minerals.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
24 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
25 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-

1 ural Resources of the Senate a report regarding the
2 progress and estimated completion date of the comprehen-
3 sive national modern surface and subsurface mapping and
4 data integration effort of the Department of the Interior
5 described in section 40201 of the Infrastructure Invest-
6 ment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 311).

7 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”
10 means—

11 (A) National Forest System land;

12 (B) public lands; and

13 (C) any land that may be leased for the ex-
14 ploration, development, or production of
15 hardrock minerals.

16 (2) **HARDROCK MINERAL.**—The term “hardrock
17 mineral”—

18 (A) includes deposits of—

19 (i) minerals found in sedimentary or
20 other rocks;

21 (ii) base metals;

22 (iii) precious metals;

23 (iv) industrial metals; and

24 (v) precious and semi-precious
25 gemstones; and

1 (B) does not include deposits of—

2 (i) coal;

3 (ii) oil;

4 (iii) oil shale;

5 (iv) gas;

6 (v) sodium;

7 (vi) potassium;

8 (vii) sulfur; or

9 (viii) mineral materials subject to dis-
10 position under the Act of July 31, 1947,
11 commonly known as the Materials Act of
12 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

13 (3) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”
14 has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the
15 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
16 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.