

**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**  
**Legislative Hearing**  
**1334 Longworth House Office Building**  
**February 24, 2026**  
**10:30 AM**

- **H.R. 1501 (Rep. Shreve)**, “*Protect Domestic Mining Act of 2025*”
- **H.R. 2969 (Rep. Wittman)**, “*Finding Opportunities for Resource Exploration Act*” or the “*Finding ORE Act*”
- **H.R. 4781 (Rep. Barr)**, “*Rare Earth Solutions and Carbon Utilization Enhancement Act of 2025*” or the “*RESCUE Act of 2025*”
- **H.R. 5929 (Rep. Barr)**, “*Critical Minerals Supply Chain Resiliency Act*”
- **H.R. 7126 (Rep. Wittman)**, “*Securing Essential and Critical U.S. Resources and Elements Minerals Act of 2026*” or the “*SECURE Minerals Act of 2026*”
- **H.R. 7458 (Rep. Hageman)**, “*Domestic Opportunities for Resource Exploration Act*” or the “*Domestic ORE Act*”

**Questions from Rep. Fulcher** for Mr. Sean Pi, Founding Partner, Heeney Capital

1. As the United States requires ever more rare earth minerals, how will the RESCUE Act of 2025 increase the capability of America to mine our own rare earth minerals instead of relying on foreign nations?

**RESPONSE:** The RESCUE Act of 2025 would expand the types of rare earth recovery and processing projects that can qualify as “covered projects” under the FAST Act. That means more projects that recover rare earth elements from legacy sources such as mine tailings, acid mine drainage, and coal-related waste streams could access coordinated federal permitting timelines and a clearer interagency review process.

If implemented, this legislative fix could reduce permitting uncertainty and shorten development timelines for qualifying projects, which would help attract private capital and move domestic recovery and processing capacity forward. Over time, that can increase the United States’ ability to produce rare earth materials at home and reduce reliance on foreign supply. Additionally, because the United States holds a modest share of global rare earth deposits compared to several foreign nations, expanding domestic rare earth recovery, which this bill directly supports, will be important to ensuring U.S. industry has sufficient supply and can reduce reliance on foreign imports.