



May 12, 2022

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Ranking Member
House Natural Resources Committee
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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
Chairman
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The Honorable Pete Stauber
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Dear Chairman Grijalva, Ranking Member Westerman, Chairman Lowenthal, and Ranking Member Stauber:

Arizona Mining and Industry Get Our Support (AMIGOS), a trade association of hundreds of mining supplier businesses, that collectively employ thousands of Arizonans, strongly opposes H.R. 7580, "Clean Energy Minerals Reform Act of 2022." If enacted, this legislation would severely negatively impact the U.S. mining industry at a time when the metals and minerals we produce here at home are essential to our national security and economic health.

President Biden has called for a reliable domestic mineral supply chain. This bill runs counter to that mandate. The legislation is punitive and will create barriers to meeting our need for minerals and metals from our own backyard. Reliable access to metals and minerals is vital for manufacturing, clean energy technologies, defense readiness, and technological innovation.

With the current rising rate of inflation, Russia's war against Ukraine, supply chain disruptions, and trade tension between the U.S. and China, our growing dependence on foreign sources of metals and minerals puts America at a strategic disadvantage and further risks our competitiveness globally.

The United States is already net import reliant when it comes to dozens of vital minerals. H.R. 7580, if enacted, would worsen this reliance. It shows a lack of understanding of how mining operates. Its anti-mining rhetoric is based on false assumptions about how modern mining is regulated and ignores the economic benefits it provides. Domestic mining

operations pay a heavy tax burden and are among the most heavily-regulated industries in the world.

Any mining policy changes contemplated through legislation should promote a viable domestic mining industry, support investment in domestic mineral projects, and address the nation's reliance on foreign sources for the minerals we cannot survive without. We believe all of these objectives can be achieved through thoughtful policymaking. H.R. 7580 does none of these things and represents a serious threat to mining in the U.S.

Sincerely,

AMIGOS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydney Hay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "H".

Sydney Hay
President