How important are minerals to our national defense?

Without minerals, we wouldn’t have these critical military technologies:

- **HELICOPTERS: SEE IN THE DARK**
  - Vision Goggles and Surveillance

- **KEEPING OUR TROOPS SAFE: Body Armor**
  - Inexpensive, lightweight materials
  - Wearable, ready to fight

- **BRIDGING THE GAP: Aircraft and Fighter Jets**
  - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
  - Unmanned Ground Combat Vehicles

- **TRANSPORTING SERVICEMEN & SERVICEWOMEN OVERSEAS: Vessels and Ships**
  - Fuel, food, clothing, and other necessities

- **ENSURING OUR TROOPS ARE HEALTHY: Medical Technologies**
  - Treatments to help soldiers recover faster
  - Monitoring and supporting health and fitness

It’s time we take action to minimize our rare-plant-picking processes and put our defense back in our own hands!