

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Jeffries, and Minority Leader Schumer:

Our organizations represent a broad range of Americans who care deeply about advancing opportunities for individuals and families across the country and fostering a stronger nation. We represent vital industries such as mining, manufacturing, transportation and energy; we represent hundreds of thousands of union workers; we include economic development associations; we are business leaders and much more.

We are writing to express our strong support for Congress' efforts to utilize the Congressional Review Act to disapprove of the mineral withdrawal that was enacted in northeast Minnesota by the Department of the Interior (DOI) in January of 2023 on more than 225,000 acres of federal lands.

Minerals are fundamental to everything in our modern world, from wiring in homes, to energy technologies and infrastructure, medical technologies, transportation, defense capabilities, smartphones and laptops and more. Simply put, critical minerals are vital for a safe, secure and prosperous America.

Currently, China and other adversarial nations dominate the globe in critical mineral production and processing, while U.S. dependence on foreign sources for these materials has recently reached an all-time high. The ban on mining across a significant portion of Minnesota only set us further behind as a nation.

As a result, this mineral withdrawal, an administrative action which forbids any mining or exploration activity on these lands for 20 years, was enacted in an area of the United States that contains enormous amounts of the critical minerals our nation needs to achieve its goals of energy independence, stronger domestic supply chains and American job creation. These are goals our organizations collectively work to advance.

Northeast Minnesota is home to the world's largest known undeveloped deposits of copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum group metals and more. The area contains 95% of domestic nickel resources, almost 90% of domestic cobalt and about a third of our

nation's copper. Industries pursuing the responsible development of these resources, from the mining companies who have invested in the region to the suppliers to the high-skilled workers seeking employment, have been negatively impacted by the enactment of the mineral withdrawal, as have the communities in the region that want to see mining projects move forward for the betterment of the local and statewide economy.

Congress now has the opportunity to correct a detrimental action that ran contrary to our national interest, and to do so assures that these minerals will be produced domestically according to some of the world's most rigorous environmental standards.

Minnesota and the federal government have already put in place comprehensive rules and a framework to ensure the environment is protected and that any proposed industrial activity in the area meets stringent regulatory standards. The U.S. also has some of the most robust safety standards for workers. To ignore the opportunity to produce domestically for materials we use in our everyday lives means that we are relying upon nations with low-to-non-existent worker protections.

Disapproving the withdrawal in Minnesota will undo an unnecessary and damaging action. It will also correct a course in which industries seeking to generate jobs and revenue for generations to come, were simply no longer allowed to propose mining projects in the area and forbidden to go through the law and science-based environmental review process to prove they can meet the high standards in place before earning permits to construct a mine.

We collectively support the use of the Congressional Review Act to overturn the mineral withdrawal currently under consideration in Congress, as it is an essential step forward in unlocking the resources that our nation needs to reduce our dangerous reliance on China and other adversarial nations.

Signed,

**Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)**  
**Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council**  
**The National Association of Manufacturers**  
**International Brotherhood of Teamsters**  
**MichAuto**  
**Indigenous Business Advisors**  
**Better In Our Back Yard**  
**Iron Range Building Trades**  
**Minnesota Pipe Trades Association**  
**LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota**  
**Northern Midwest Regional Council of Carpenters**  
**Minnesota Power**  
**Whitebird Services Inc.**  
**Duluth Seaway Port Authority**

**Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions**  
**Minnesota Chamber of Commerce**  
**Women's Mining Coalition**  
**ClearPath Action**  
**International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49**  
**Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 589**  
**Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX)**  
**Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)**  
**MiningMinnesota**  
**Jobs for Minnesotans**  
**American Exploration and Mining Association**  
**Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration**  
**National Mining Association**  
**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota**  
**American Chemistry Council**  
**Teamsters Joint Council 32**  
**Teamsters Local 346**  
**Laborers Local 1097 "Iron Range"**  
**Sprinkler Fitters Local 417**  
**UA Plumbers Local 15**  
**Local 6 Plumbers and Pipefitters**  
**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Minnesota State Council**  
**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 242**  
**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 110**  
**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 31**  
**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1426**  
**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 160**  
**Up North Jobs Inc.**  
**Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum**  
**Green Bridge Metals**  
**City of Babbitt, MN – Mayor Andrea Zupancich**  
**Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Laurentian Chamber of Commerce**  
**Hermantown Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Copper Development Association**  
**Mt. Iron-Buhl School Board, MN – Lisa Kvas**  
**Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**American Coal Council**  
**Industrial Township, St. Louis County, MN – Don Carlson**  
**Northeast Technical Services**  
**Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital**  
**Lakehead Constructors**  
**Ely Public School District – Anne Oelke**  
**Fight for Mining Minnesota**  
**Road Machinery & Supplies Co.**  
**Feeley Township, Itasca County, MN – Deb Langanki**  
**Lake Country Power**  
**Encampment Minerals, Inc.**

**Giant**  
**B.R. Clark Consulting LLC**  
**RMS Tritec**  
**Global Minerals Engineering**  
**Wyoming Mining Association**  
**American Peat Technology**  
**Millcreek Engineering Company**  
**Mine Development Management LLC**  
**Borell Consulting Services LLC**  
**StarPoint Resources, LLC**  
**Geobrugg North America**  
**Clementine Exploration**  
**Idaho Mining Association**  
**Agnico Eagle**  
**Pebble Limited Partnership**  
**Archkey - Parsons Electric**  
**Superior Rock Bit**  
**Innate North**  
**GEOTEMPS/GEOPROS, Inc.**  
**Superior Marine Charters**  
**American Peat Technology**  
**Wescom Inc**  
**Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating. Inc.**  
**Sandvik Mining and Rock Processing**  
**City of Hibbing, MN – Mayor Pete Hyduke**  
**City of Kinney, MN – Mayor Patrick E. Haley**  
**APi Group Inc.**  
**ME Global Inc**  
**A Martin Consulting, LLC**  
**Malton Electric Co.**  
**Quick Supply Co.**  
**North Star Manganese Inc & Electric Metals (USA) Limited**  
**GR Engineering Services**  
**Amvest Capital Securities**  
**Twin Metals Minnesota**  
**Kalenborn Abresist Corporation**  
**Larkin Hoffman Attorneys**  
**ME Elecmetal**  
**City of Biwabik, MN – Mayor Steven Biondich**  
**Solenis LLC**  
**Kirscher Transport**  
**General Equipment & Supplies Inc**  
**JBW Consulting Engineers**  
**PX4 Software**  
**Gerdau Amersiteel US Inc**  
**QT Environmental**  
**Wolverine Fuels**  
**Alaska Miners Association**

**Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating, Inc.**  
**Universal Polymer And Rubber**  
**TJR Technical Services, Inc.**  
**Beaver Bay, Inc.**  
**AMIGOS**  
**Hayday**  
**Tidal Health**  
**Northeast Title**  
**Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Timberline Drilling**  
**Ziegler Cat**  
**Kalenborn Canada Inc.**  
**Superior Fuel Company**  
**Baldwin Supply Company**  
**Dodge Industrial**  
**Baldwin Supply**  
**Avivid Global Water**  
**Vics Crane & Heavy Haul**  
**Hamilton Monroe & Co**  
**Electric Power Door**  
**Duncan Co.**  
**Victaulic**  
**General Equipment and Supplies, Inc.**  
**LRL Construction**  
**Contour Inc.**  
**Borealis Fuels & Logistics**  
**Cenovus Energy Superior Refinery**  
**Hibbing Taconite Co.**  
**Snowbird Willies Boat Canvas**  
**Hamilton Monroe**  
**MHE Consulting**  
**Salem Republic Rubber**  
**Enbridge**