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Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Agriculture to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the mineral withdrawal within the Superior National Forest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STAUBER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is di-
2 rected to transmit to the House of Representatives, not
3 later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this
4 resolution, copies of any document, memorandum, cor-
5 respondence, and other communication or any portion of
6 any such communication, that refers or relates to the min-
7 eral withdrawal within the Superior National Forest and

1 composition of the Duluth Complex, including the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (1) All documents and communications relating
4 to the minerals found within the Duluth complex, in-
5 cluding but not limited to—

6 (A) any reference to the amount of copper
7 or recognized critical minerals found; and

8 (B) any reference to minerals needed for
9 infrastructure, renewable energy, or electric ve-
10 hicle production.

11 (2) All documents and communications refer-
12 ring or relating to initiating the mineral withdrawal
13 process within Superior National Forest.

14 (3) All documents and communications relating
15 to the impact of the mineral withdrawal on Twin
16 Metals operation, including but not limited to—

17 (A) any reference to preventing production
18 of minerals;

19 (B) any reference to union project labor
20 agreements; and

21 (C) any reference to the loss of economic
22 benefits at the State and local level.

23 (4) All documents and communications relating
24 to the impact of the two-year pause on mineral ac-
25 tivity in Superior National Forest while the mineral

1 withdrawal application is considered, including but
2 not limited to—

3 (A) any reference to national security im-
4 plications;

5 (B) any reference to mineral supply chain
6 stability implications;

7 (C) any reference to increased dependence
8 on foreign minerals; and

9 (D) any reference to the economic losses at
10 the State and local level.

11 (5) Any meeting or communication that oc-
12 curred between Secretary Tom Vilsack, or his rep-
13 resentative, and environmental advocacy groups re-
14 ferring or relating to the mineral withdrawal appli-
15 cation in Superior National Forest.

16 (6) All documents and communications refer-
17 ring or related to the U.S. Forest Service's Environ-
18 mental Assessment recommending a mineral with-
19 drawal in the Superior National Forest.

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