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Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior 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 the Interior 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 refer-
24 ring or relating to the analysis of Twin Metal's min-
25 ing operation plan.

1 (5) All documents and communications relating
2 to the impact of the two-year pause on mineral ac-
3 tivity in Superior National Forest while the mineral
4 withdrawal application is considered, including but
5 not limited to—

6 (A) any reference to national security im-
7 plications;

8 (B) any reference to mineral supply chain
9 stability implications;

10 (C) any reference to increased dependence
11 on foreign minerals; and

12 (D) any reference to the economic losses at
13 the State and local level.

14 (6) Any meeting or communication that oc-
15 curred between Secretary Debra Haaland, or her
16 representative, and environmental advocacy groups
17 referring or relating to the mineral withdrawal appli-
18 cation in Superior National Forest.

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