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Chairman Bruce Westerman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Jared Huffman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1332 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman,

We write today in support of H.R. 1366, the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act. This bipartisan bill, introduced by Reps. Mark Amodei (R-Nev.) and Steven Horsford (D-Nev.), is essential for ensuring the continued domestic production of critical minerals, such as lithium, graphite, copper, and others, vital for the growth of energy technologies, national security, and the economic competitiveness of industries that depend on domestic mineral supply chains. We strongly urge you to support this bill, which promotes responsible mineral development on federal lands.

This legislation has received significant bipartisan support, particularly for states with a high percentage of federal lands—some as much as 80 percent. H.R. 1366 is accompanied by identical companion legislation in the Senate, introduced by Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Jim Risch (R-Idaho), which passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee earlier this year with bipartisan support. This bipartisan and bicameral effort highlights the importance of mined materials in supporting manufacturing, renewable energy technologies, critical infrastructure, electric vehicles, national security, and the vast workforce that sustains these industries and supply chains.

This legislation will ensure the U.S. can utilize its vast domestic resources to build essential mineral supply chains. Notably, nothing in this bill allows or expands mining activities on protected or conserved lands, including previously withdrawn lands or national parks. Additionally, it does not permit or incentivize the obstruction of access to lands for other multiple-use activities, such as nuisance claims.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and we urge you to support the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act. Your efforts to enhance mineral supply chain security while upholding our leading safety and environmental standards are crucial. The passage of H.R. 1366 will support the trajectory of innovation in the U.S. and maintain the nation's economic leadership.

Sincerely,

Alaska Miners Association  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation  
American Critical Minerals Association  
American Exploration & Mining Association  
Arizona Mining Association  
Bipartisan Policy Center Action  
Colorado Mining Association  
Georgia Mining Association  
Idaho Mining Association  
Montana Mining Association

National Mining Association  
Nevada Mining Association  
New Mexico Mining Association  
SAFE's Center for Critical Minerals Strategy  
South Dakota Minerals Industry Association  
Tennessee Mining Association  
Texas Mining and Reclamation Association  
Utah Mining Association  
Wyoming Mining Association  
Zero Emission Transportation Association