



Dr. Walter G. Copan, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer at Colorado School of Mines: "A sustainable and reliable critical mineral supply chain will require low-carbon, low-impact mining operations that prioritize community and environmental values. As a global leader in mining engineering and research, Colorado School of Mines commends Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Tillis' leadership in advancing next-generation mining technologies and innovations that support the economic, energy, and national security future of the United States."

Abigail Hunter, Executive Director of SAFE's Center for Critical Minerals Strategy: "While our current whole-of-government response has been crucial in addressing critical minerals vulnerabilities, we are still falling short. We have yet to connect the dots between our international partnerships and domestic investments, and a National Critical Minerals Council would do just that. A comprehensive national strategy combined with action to unlock American ingenuity through the Unearth Innovation Act will foster the public-private collaboration needed to meet this challenge head-on and own our mineral future in a world where these resources dictate global power and security."

Sarah Venuto, Executive Director of American Critical Minerals Association: "The American Critical Minerals Association applauds Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Tillis for their leadership on addressing a key need to grow a domestic U.S. critical minerals sector. The Unearth Innovation Act and the National Mineral Council Act will ensure a permanent focus on advancing innovation in our mining and minerals sector. Research and development of efficient sustainable methods of critical minerals production, processing and recycling is essential to ensure we are creating a supply net for critical minerals that leaves no source or technology to chance. This bipartisan effort is another example of the foundational policies that ACMA and its members support as we seek to advance the responsible and robust development of minerals domestically and with our allies."

Michele Stockwell, President of Bipartisan Policy Center Action (BPC Action): "BPC Action applauds Sens. Hickenlooper (D-CO) and Tillis (R-NC) for leading two bipartisan bills—the National Minerals Council Act and the Unearth Innovation Act—aimed at positioning the United States as a leader in the global critical minerals industry and technological competitiveness. By delivering crucial federal support and improving federal coordinated structures, these bills will boost domestic capacity and strengthen America's effort to secure our energy and national security supply chains."

Abby Tinsley, Vice President for Conservation Policy of the National Wildlife Federation: "Recognizing the importance of addressing critical minerals supply and siting concerns, the bipartisan National Critical Minerals Council Act and the Unearth Innovation Act take pragmatic steps to ensure that enhanced recycling, community engagement, environmental impacts, and federal coordination remain at the core of critical minerals sourcing conversations. The National Wildlife Federation is grateful for Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Tillis's leadership on this important issue."

Harry Godfrey, Managing Director of Advanced Energy United: “The ‘National Minerals Council Act’ will enable the U.S., working in collaboration with allies, to develop and implement a supply chain strategy that bolsters our energy security. Meanwhile the ‘Unearth Innovation Act’ will support research and development towards more sustainable, responsible production, processing, and recycling of these resources in America. Unlike conventional energy resources, the critical minerals that underpin advanced energy can be recycled and reused - making this a particularly promising area for R&D. United is proud to support both of these bills, which will help us bring more manufacturing and innovation to the U.S. and drive us toward a 100% clean energy future.”

Albert Gore, Executive Director of Zero Emissions Transportation Association: “ZETA commends Senator Hickenlooper for introducing legislation to strengthen U.S. strategy and innovation in the critical mineral sector. A cohesive government approach to addressing our mineral supply chains at home and abroad is crucial to U.S. success and security in a clean energy economy. ZETA appreciates Senator Hickenlooper’s commitment to advancing a holistic strategy for mineral development and promoting research and development of critical mineral technologies in the United States.”

Kent Masters, Chairman and CEO of Albemarle: “As a global leader in lithium production, Albemarle supports the bipartisan legislation introduced by Senators Hickenlooper and Tillis. The Unearth Innovation Act and National Mineral Council Act are key measures that would bolster national security, economic growth and clean energy.”

Pat Risner, President of South32 Hermosa: “As the first critical minerals mining project added to the FAST-41 federal permitting program, the Hermosa project is already seeing the dividends of a whole of government approach to bolster coordination and transparency across multiple agencies for minerals so important to the energy transition and U.S. national security. We applaud Sen. Hickenlooper for introducing legislation that builds off that work and will better align a national strategy to these important resources in a way that increases communication and coordination so the United States can live up to its potential as a global critical mineral powerhouse.”

Jeremy Harrell, CEO of ClearPath Action: “For the U.S. to build a domestic critical minerals supply chain, we need to get serious about what it takes to finance, permit, and build new projects. We thank Senators Tillis (R-NC) and Hickenlooper (D-CO) for their bipartisan leadership in driving innovative solutions that ensure U.S. energy security, where environmental standards are tougher than in China. This legislation focuses on research, development, and commercialization of advanced mining, recycling, and processing technologies, allowing the U.S. to regain control of our nation's future with critical minerals.”