

NATIONAL CRITICAL MINERALS COUNCIL ACT

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Problem: The U.S. is highly dependent on foreign adversaries, especially China, for many of the critical minerals that underpin our energy systems, defense capabilities, and advanced technologies. This reliance creates serious vulnerabilities for our national, economic, and energy security.

Despite the scale of the challenge, our federal response remains fragmented. More than 15 federal agencies and departments work on critical minerals issues, often in silos and without sustained coordination. Absent a unified effort, the U.S. risks falling behind in securing the minerals essential to maintaining our competitiveness and leadership in energy security and national defense.

Solution: The *National Critical Minerals Council Act* creates the coordination and continuity we need, establishing a National Critical Minerals Council to build and implement a comprehensive national strategy to reduce U.S. dependence on adversaries for critical minerals and address vulnerabilities in mineral supply chains. The Council's co-chairs—the Secretary of the Interior, the National Security Advisor, and the Director of the National Economic Council—will appoint a Chief Minerals Advisor to oversee the Council's operations and collaborate with experts from universities, industry, national laboratories, governments, Tribes, non-profits, and civil society.

Key Duties of the National Critical Minerals Council

1. Coordinate National Critical Minerals Strategy

- Develop and implement a comprehensive, government-wide critical minerals strategy
- Align critical minerals research, development, and funding opportunities across federal agencies

2. Build International Partnerships and Monitor Foreign Investments

- Promote the U.S. as the partner of choice for minerals projects with allied nations and private entities
- Track foreign investments globally in critical minerals, particularly from China

3. Expand Domestic Workforce and Sourcing

- Coordinate minerals-related education and workforce development efforts
- Support innovation to facilitate the responsible development of domestic resources

4. Ensure Publicly Accessible Information

- Develop a central platform for private entities to view federal funding opportunities
- Maintain a public dashboard to track critical minerals projects and house public data

