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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers—the largest manufacturing trade association in the U.S., representing companies of all sizes, in every industrial sector, and in all 50 states—I write to express the NAM's support for **H.R. 1501, the Protecting Domestic Mining Act**, sponsored by Representative Jefferson Shreve (R-IN) and cosponsored by Representatives Blake Moore (R-UT) and Morgan Griffith (R-VA), and recommend that the members of the House of Representatives **vote YES** to pass this critical legislation.

This bill would modify the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to explicitly include mining activities and mineral processing as covered projects under the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council's (FPISC) existing frameworks.

Access to raw and processed critical minerals is fundamental to support a thriving manufacturing base in the U.S. Manufacturers use minerals and their derivatives to make the most technologically advanced industrial and consumer products in the world. Unfortunately, due to decades of underinvestment in our domestic mining and processing sectors, **the U.S. is 100% import reliant for 13 mineral commodities included on the 2025 U.S. Geological Survey List of Critical Minerals—and more than 50% import reliant for an additional 20.**

H.R. 1501 takes an important step to address this issue by providing mining and mineral processing access to FPISC's permit streamlining and transparency services, to which other critical energy and infrastructure sectors already have access. The reforms this bill makes will make it easier and more cost-efficient for companies to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

The NAM therefore respectfully urges a **YES** vote for today's vote on H.R. 1501, the Protecting Domestic Mining Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Phalen', written in a cursive style.

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