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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 United States, representing manufacturers of all sizes and in every industrial sector, I write in strong support of the bipartisan **Developing Overseas Mineral Investments and New Allied Networks for Critical Energies (DOMINANCE) Act (H.R. 7037)**, introduced by Reps. Young Kim (R-CA) and Ami Bera (D-CA), and urge you to vote YES when it comes to the House floor for a vote.

At a time when access to critical minerals is crucial for U.S. manufacturing leadership, the DOMINANCE Act would leverage America's deep relationships with our allies and partners to build robust and stable critical minerals supply chains for manufacturers in the U.S. The NAM strongly supports this important bill, and manufacturers applaud Reps. Kim and Bera for recognizing the need to facilitate financing for impactful overseas projects, establish strong protections for U.S. investors, improve workforce training opportunities, and promote coordinated international standards throughout mineral supply chains. These efforts echo the NAM's [strategy](#) and [expanded recommendations](#) for impactful critical minerals policy.

Manufacturers depend on reliable supply chains to make things in America. Critical minerals and the inputs made using them are necessary to produce technologically advanced industrial and consumer products made in America—including aircraft and defense systems, automotive parts and vehicles, electric grid components, robotics and industrial automation, personal electronics, and more.

It is vital for U.S. national, economic, and energy security to safeguard stable and diversified supply chains of critical minerals. While endowed with many natural resources, the U.S. has finite domestic supply of critical minerals, and currently has limited midstream processing capabilities, an essential step that transforms minerals for specific end uses.

As a result, manufacturers in the U.S. rely heavily on imports of many critical minerals, depending entirely on foreign suppliers for 13 minerals designated as critical by the U.S. Geological Survey. For another 20 minerals, foreign imports make up over 50% of U.S. supply.

China is a global powerhouse in mineral production and processing, the result of decades of deliberate, targeted industrial strategy. China's increasing weaponization of mineral supply chains, including export restrictions on over a dozen critical minerals and rare earth elements in 2025, underscores the acute vulnerabilities in U.S. mineral supply chains. By deepening strategic partnerships and coordinating investments across allies, the U.S. can compete more effectively with China and reduce vulnerability to geopolitical risks.

The NAM strongly supports the Trump administration's efforts to reshape and rebalance global critical minerals supply chains through comprehensive actions domestically and with international partners. The DOMINANCE Act would both complement and advance these efforts

by generating new pipelines for critical minerals projects and promoting diversified access to vital manufacturing inputs sourced globally.

Project financing: The U.S. government can play an essential role providing catalytic project financing across the mining and critical minerals supply chain. The DOMINANCE Act would facilitate cooperation on joint projects with partners and allies, including by utilizing cost-sharing agreements, political risk insurance, pricing mechanisms, and procurement, through U.S. agencies like the U.S. International Development Financing Corporation, the Export-Import Bank, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, and the Department of War.

Investor protections: U.S. investment in overseas mineral projects, both through U.S. government efforts and by private investors, should be bolstered by commitments that both enable market access and ensure these investments are respected by the host government. The DOMINANCE Act would strengthen investment protections in partner governments, through adoption of key protections including national and minimum standard of treatment for foreign investment, protection from expropriation, freedom from performance requirements and localization mandates, facilitation of smooth, timely financial transfers, and transparency and publication of investment laws and regulations.

Workforce training: Innovation in critical mineral mining and refining requires a highly skilled workforce. At a time when manufacturers in America are facing more than 400,000 open jobs across the manufacturing sector, the DOMINANCE Act would bolster a robust and skilled U.S. workforce by establishing a Critical Minerals Mining Fellowship Program. As part of the Fulbright Educational Exchange Program, U.S. citizens would grow their expertise through advanced coursework, research projects, and practical training at leading higher education mining programs in partner countries.

Coordinated international standards: A predictable, consistent, and transparent regulatory environment across borders and credible verification are necessary to facilitate investment into global supply chains and eliminate loopholes for exploitation by nonmarket actors. The DOMINANCE Act aims to coordinate standards on supply chain transparency, technical interoperability, and good governance between the United States and partner countries.

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Manufacturers in America create family-supporting jobs in communities across the country, drive innovation, power economic growth, and develop and deploy technologies to bolster American energy abundance. Policies like the DOMINANCE Act are needed to ensure the United States becomes the destination of choice for new manufacturing investment so that our nation can maintain our leadership in creating new technologies and products that make lives better for people around the world.

Again, I urge you to vote **YES** on H.R. 7037 when it is considered on the House floor this week.

Sincerely,



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