



THE DOMINANCE ACT

Developing Overseas Mineral Investments and New Allied Networks for Critical Energies

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BACKGROUND

The People's Republic of China (PRC) has a chokehold on the building blocks of the modern technology economy: critical minerals. Beijing controls more than 70% of global rare earth mining and nearly 90% of refining and has repeatedly weaponized this leverage. Access to these minerals is foundational to U.S. national and economic security.

The U.S. must expand domestic mineral production, processing, recycling, and manufacturing to rebuild competitiveness and secure key supply chains. Yet, even a revitalized U.S. sector cannot meet our economy's needs, or the needs of our allies, on its own. A strong global ecosystem outside of the PRC is essential.

By working closely with trusted allies and partners to build new mining, processing, and recycling capacity, invest in shared minerals and energy infrastructure, and strengthen global demand for critical minerals outside of Beijing's control, we can create resilient supply chains rooted in transparency, high standards, and mutual security. This collaborative approach reduces vulnerability to coercion, supports a diversified and reliable industrial base, reinforces the economic foundations of the free world, and ensures that no nation can hold our economies or defense industries hostage.

PURPOSE

The DOMINANCE Act aligns the U.S.'s diplomatic, trade, development, and financing tools to secure resilient and diversified energy and minerals supply chains. This will strengthen national security, economic competitiveness, and energy dominance by reducing reliance on the PRC for critical minerals, energy infrastructure, and related technologies.

The DOMINANCE Act will:

- Mobilize U.S. diplomatic, financial, and technical capabilities to accelerate priority minerals and energy supply-chain projects;
- Expand cooperation with allies and partners to bolster education programs, mining, processing, and refining capacity in secure markets;
- Forge strategic minerals and energy partnerships through joint resource assessments, project development, and long-term supply agreements.

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Minerals Security Partnership

Formalizes U.S. participation in the Minerals Security Partnership, a multilateral initiative launched to build supply chains for critical minerals. It directs the Secretary of State to coordinate with allied governments on joint ventures, information-sharing, project databases, and investment facilitation for key minerals. It also authorizes the U.S. to participate in the International Nickel Study Group.

Bureau of Energy Security and Diplomacy

Authorizes the Bureau of Energy Security and Diplomacy as a successor to the Energy and Natural Resources Bureau. The Bureau integrates functions related to energy security, critical minerals, infrastructure, and market resilience across regional and functional offices and serves as a central hub for strategy, engagement, and policy leadership across federal agencies and global partners.

Energy Security Compacts

Designates an Office of Energy Security Compacts at the State Department to provide a single, centralized platform to align tools from DOE, DOD, DFC, MCC, EXIM, USTDA, Commerce, and State to support strategic energy and mineral investments abroad and create agreements. Energy Security Compacts create a unified framework within the Department of State to coordinate U.S. foreign energy, infrastructure, and critical-mineral efforts across agencies, and ensure that U.S. assistance is used to catalyze follow-on investment from the private sector.

Critical Mineral Mining Education

Designates a Fulbright Fellowship Program to focus on mining and mining engineering in relevant partner countries and also designates a visiting scholars' program in the United States focused on mining, ensuring that students have access to world-class education and the mining industry has experts for generations to come.



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