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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To promote international cooperation to secure critical mineral supply chains.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BERA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
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**A BILL**

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mineral supply chains.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Minerals Security  
5       Partnership Authorization Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO SECURE CRIT-**  
7       **ICAL MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS.**

8       (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY ON CRITICAL MINERAL  
9       SUPPLY CHAINS.—It is the policy of the United States—

1           (1) to collaborate with allies and partners of the  
2       United States to build secure and resilient critical  
3       minerals supply chains, including in the mining,  
4       processing, and valuation of critical minerals, as well  
5       as with respect to advanced manufacturing that in-  
6       cludes critical minerals;

7           (2) to prioritize the development and production  
8       of critical minerals domestically, both to supply do-  
9       mestic needs and for export to allies and partners  
10      that participate in secure and resilient supply chains  
11      for critical minerals;

12          (3) to reduce or eliminate reliance and depend-  
13      ence on critical mineral supply chains controlled by  
14      the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Russian  
15      Federation, Iran, or any other strategic competitor  
16      of the United States;

17          (4) to work with allies and partners on enhanc-  
18      ing evaluation capability and technology in trusted  
19      countries that produce critical minerals to avoid the  
20      export of mined and processed critical minerals to  
21      adversaries of the United States;

22          (5) to identify and implement market-based in-  
23      centives for the purposes of facilitating the creation  
24      and maintenance of secure and resilient critical min-

1       eral supply chains in collaboration with allies and  
2       partners;

3           (6) to prioritize securing critical mineral supply  
4       chains in United States foreign policy, including  
5       through the use of economic tools to invest respon-  
6       sibly in projects in partner countries in a manner  
7       that both benefits local populations and bolsters the  
8       supply of critical minerals to the United States and  
9       allies and partners of the United States; and

10       (7) that collaboration with allies and partners  
11       to build secure and resilient critical mineral supply  
12       chains shall not replace United States efforts to in-  
13       crease domestic development and production of crit-  
14       ical minerals.

15       (b) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO  
16       PROTECTING CRITICAL MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized  
18       to negotiate an agreement with international part-  
19       ners for the purposes of establishing a coalition—

20           (A) to facilitate—

21               (i) the mining, processing, and supply  
22               of critical minerals; and

23               (ii) advanced manufacturing that in-  
24               cludes critical minerals; and

1 (B) to secure an adequate supply of critical  
2 minerals and relevant products, manufacturing  
3 inputs, and components that are heavily de-  
4 pendent on critical mineral resources for the  
5 United States and other members of the coali-  
6 tion (in this subsection referred to as “member  
7 countries”).

8 (2) NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES.—The overall  
9 objectives for negotiating an agreement described in  
10 paragraph (1) should be—

11 (A) to establish mechanisms for member  
12 countries to build secure and resilient supply  
13 chains for critical minerals, including in—

14 (i) the mining, refinement, processing,  
15 and valuation of critical minerals; and

16 (ii) advanced manufacturing of prod-  
17 ucts, components, and materials that are  
18 dependent on critical minerals;

19 (B) to improve economies of scale and  
20 joint cooperation with international partners in  
21 securing access and means of production  
22 throughout the supply chains of critical min-  
23 erals and manufacturing processes dependent  
24 on critical minerals;

1 (C) to establish mechanisms, with appro-  
2 priate market-based disciplines, that provide  
3 and maintain opportunities among member  
4 countries for creating industry economies of  
5 scale to attract joint investment among those  
6 countries, including—

7 (i) cooperation on joint projects, in-  
8 cluding cost-sharing on building appro-  
9 priate infrastructure to access deposits of  
10 critical minerals; and

11 (ii) creation or enhancement of na-  
12 tional and international programs to sup-  
13 port the development of robust industries  
14 by providing appropriate sector-specific in-  
15 centives, such as political risk and other  
16 insurance opportunities, financing, and  
17 other support, for—

18 (I) mining and processing critical  
19 minerals;

20 (II) manufacturing of products,  
21 components, and materials that are  
22 dependent on critical minerals and are  
23 essential to consumer technology  
24 products or have important national  
25 security implications; and

1 (III) associated transportation  
2 needs that are tailored to the han-  
3 dling, movement, and logistics man-  
4 agement of critical minerals and prod-  
5 ucts, components, and materials that  
6 are dependent on critical minerals;

7 (D) to establish market-based rules for  
8 member countries regarding adoption of quali-  
9 fying tax and other incentives to stimulate in-  
10 vestment, as balanced by market-based dis-  
11 ciplines to ensure a fair playing field among  
12 those countries;

13 (E) to establish recommended best prac-  
14 tices to protect—

15 (i) labor rights;

16 (ii) the natural environment and eco-  
17 systems near critical mineral industrial  
18 sites; and

19 (iii) safety of communities near crit-  
20 ical mineral industrial activities;

21 (F) to advance economic growth in devel-  
22 oping countries with critical mineral reserves,  
23 including for the benefit of the citizens of those  
24 countries;

1 (G) to establish rules allowing for the es-  
2 tablishment of a consortium that is resourced  
3 and empowered to bid and compete in acquiring  
4 and securing potential deposits of critical min-  
5 erals in countries that are not members of the  
6 coalition described in paragraph (1) (in this  
7 subsection referred to as “nonmember coun-  
8 tries”);

9 (H) to establish a mechanism for joint re-  
10 source mapping with procedures for equitable  
11 sharing of information on potential deposits of  
12 critical minerals not less frequently than annu-  
13 ally;

14 (I) to establish appropriate mechanisms for  
15 the recognition and enforcement by a member  
16 country of judgments relating to environmental  
17 and related harms caused by mining operations  
18 within such member country in contravention of  
19 that country’s laws; and

20 (J) to improve supply chain security  
21 among member countries by providing for na-  
22 tional treatment investment protections among  
23 those countries that are equal to, or better  
24 than, the standards in the United States model  
25 bilateral investment treaty.

1           (c) MINERALS SECURITY PARTNERSHIP AUTHORIZA-  
2 TION.—

3           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, act-  
4 ing through the Under Secretary of State for Eco-  
5 nomic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, is au-  
6 thorized to lead United States participation in the  
7 “Minerals Security Partnership”, for the following  
8 purposes:

9           (A) To identify and support investment  
10 and advocate for commercial critical mineral  
11 mining, processing, and refining projects that  
12 enable robust and secure critical mineral supply  
13 chains, in consultation with other Federal agen-  
14 cies, as appropriate.

15           (B) To coordinate with relevant regional  
16 bureaus to develop regional diplomatic engage-  
17 ment strategies related to critical minerals  
18 projects and to identify projects that are prior-  
19 ities.

20           (C) To coordinate with United States mis-  
21 sions abroad on projects, programs, and invest-  
22 ments that enable robust and secure critical  
23 mineral supply chains.



1 (D) To coordinate with current and pro-  
2 spective members of the Minerals Security  
3 Partnership.

4 (E) To establish a mechanism for informa-  
5 tion-sharing with members of the Minerals Se-  
6 curity Partnership.

7 (F) To establish policies and procedures,  
8 and if necessary, to provide funding to facilitate  
9 cooperation on joint projects with members of  
10 the Minerals Security Partnership and the Min-  
11 eral Security Forum, including those related to  
12 cost-sharing agreements, political risk insur-  
13 ance, financing, equity investments, and other  
14 support, in coordination with other Federal  
15 agencies, as appropriate.

16 (G) If an agreement described in sub-  
17 section (b) is entered into, to support the estab-  
18 lishment of the coalition described in that sub-  
19 section.

20 (2) DATABASE.—As part of the Minerals Secu-  
21 rity Partnership, the Secretary, acting through the  
22 Under Secretary, is authorized to establish and  
23 maintain a database of critical mineral projects for  
24 the purpose of providing high quality and up-to-date  
25 information to the private sector in order to spur

1 greater investment, increase the resilience of global  
2 critical minerals supply chains, and boost United  
3 States supply.

4 (3) QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONNEL.—With  
5 respect to staffing personnel to carry out the Min-  
6 erals Security Partnership, the Secretary shall  
7 prioritize individuals with the following qualifica-  
8 tions:

9 (A) Substantive knowledge and experience  
10 in issues related to critical minerals supply  
11 chain and their application to strategic indus-  
12 tries, including in the defense, energy, and tech-  
13 nology sectors.

14 (B) Substantive knowledge and experience  
15 in large-scale multi-donor project financing and  
16 related technical and diplomatic arrangements,  
17 international coalition-building, and project  
18 management.

19 (C) Substantive knowledge and experience  
20 in trade and foreign policy, defense-industrial  
21 base policy, or national security-sensitive supply  
22 chain issues.

23 (4) PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY CO-  
24 ORDINATION.—The Secretary of State shall ensure  
25 close coordination between the Department of State,

1 the private sector, and relevant civil society groups  
2 on the implementation of this subsection.

3 (5) PROJECT SELECTION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The United States,  
5 through its participation in the Minerals Secu-  
6 rity Partnership, shall prioritize projects that  
7 advance the national and economic security in-  
8 terests of the United States and allies and part-  
9 ners of the United States.

10 (B) CRITERIA REQUIREMENTS.—The  
11 United States shall advocate for the Minerals  
12 Security Partnership to use environmental, so-  
13 cial, or governance standards, including as cri-  
14 teria for project selection, that are consistent  
15 with United States law or international agree-  
16 ments approved by Congress.

17 (d) UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTER-  
18 NATIONAL NICKEL STUDY GROUP.—

19 (1) UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP.—The Presi-  
20 dent is authorized to accept the Terms of Reference  
21 of and maintain membership of the United States in  
22 the International Nickel Study Group (INSG).

23 (2) PAYMENTS OF ASSESSED CONTRIBU-  
24 TIONS.—For fiscal year 2026 and thereafter, the  
25 United States assessed contributions to the INSG

1        may be paid from funds appropriated for “Contribu-  
2        tions to International Organizations”.

3        (e) CRITICAL MINERAL DEFINED.—In this section,  
4 the term “critical mineral”—

5            (1) has the meaning given the term in section  
6        7002 of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606);  
7        and

8            (2) includes any other mineral or mineral mate-  
9        rial determined by the Secretary of State—

10            (A) to be essential to the economic or na-  
11            tional security of the United States; and

12            (B) to have a supply chain vulnerable to  
13        disruption.

14        (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
15 authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State  
16 \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 to enhance critical min-  
17 eral supply chain security, including to implement this sec-  
18 tion.