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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of the National Mining Association (NMA), we write to express strong support for the mining-related provisions in your Committee on Natural Resources reconciliation text. The legislation promotes responsible domestic resource development while generating an estimated \$15 billion in federal revenues and savings to benefit the American people.

The NMA is the only national trade organization that serves as the voice of the U.S. mining industry and the hundreds of thousands of American workers it employs before Congress, the federal agencies, the judiciary, and the media, advocating for public policies that will help America fully and responsibly utilize its vast natural resources. We work to ensure America has secure and reliable supply chains, abundant and affordable energy, and the American-sourced materials necessary for U.S. manufacturing, national security, and economic security, all delivered under world-leading environmental, safety, and labor standards. The NMA has a membership of nearly 300 companies and organizations involved in every aspect of mining, from producers and equipment manufacturers to service providers.

The revenue-based mining provisions included in the Natural Resources Committee's reconciliation package represent significant progress in strengthening America's energy dominance, mineral security, modernizing permitting and unlocking critical resources. We strongly support your provisions that:

- Reinstatement critical coal lease sales and recalibrate federal royalty rates to maintain competitiveness and production on public lands;
- Reopen federal lands in Northern Minnesota to responsible mineral development and reinstate canceled leases;
- Advance the long-necessary Ambler Road project in Alaska, providing necessary infrastructure access to a nationally significant mining area; and

- Streamline environmental reviews under NEPA with clear timelines, greater predictability, and cost recovery, ensuring timely development of essential infrastructure, mineral, and energy projects.

Importantly, these revenue-based provisions will help sustain and create thousands of high-wage, family-supporting jobs across the country—from miners and engineers to equipment manufacturers, suppliers, and transporters. Mining jobs are amongst the highest-paying positions in many rural and energy-producing communities, and these measures will provide much-needed certainty and opportunity for the U.S. workforce.

Taken together, these provisions, along with the rest of your amendment, will enhance America's ability to produce and process the raw materials necessary for infrastructure, energy production, manufacturing, and our national defense—while delivering substantial new revenues to the federal government.

We appreciate your leadership in supporting American mining and urge the inclusion of these provisions in the final reconciliation package. The NMA stands ready to work with you to advance policies that strengthen our economy, energy security, industrial base, and national security.

Thank you for your support for domestic mining.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Nolan', followed by a long horizontal line.

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