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The Honorable Pete Stauber
U.S. House of Representatives
145 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: IECA Supports H.J. Res. 140, a Congressional Review Act (CRA) disapproval resolution that would reverse the Biden Administration's illegal mining ban in Northern Minnesota.

Dear Congressman Stauber:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we strongly support H.J. Res. 140, a Congressional Review Act (CRA) disapproval resolution that would reverse the Biden Administration's illegal mining ban in Northern Minnesota.

The U.S. manufacturing sector needs secure domestic sources of all minerals and metals to produce the products needed to serve our customers, which includes defense industries.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio

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President & CEO

cc: House Committee on Natural Resources

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.9 million employees. One hundred percent of IECA members are manufacturing companies whose competitiveness is largely determined by the cost and reliability of natural gas and electricity. IECA's sole mission is to reduce and avoid energy costs and increase energy reliability through advocacy in Congress and regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.