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To establish within the Office of the United States Trade Representative
a Chief Critical Minerals Negotiator, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. BARR, and
Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To establish within the Office of the United States Trade
Representative a Chief Critical Minerals Negotiator, and
for other purposes.

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 “Critical Minerals
5 Trade Security Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Critical minerals, including rare earth ele-
2 ments, are essential for national security and eco-
3 nomic resilience.

4 (2) Processed critical minerals and their deriva-
5 tive products are key building blocks of the defense
6 industrial base of the United States and integral to
7 applications such as jet engines, missile guidance
8 systems, advanced computing, radar systems, ad-
9 vanced optics, and secure communications equip-
10 ment.

11 (3) The United States remains heavily depend-
12 ent on foreign sources of critical minerals which ex-
13 poses the economy and defense sector to supply
14 chain disruptions and economic coercion.

15 (4) Foreign producers of critical minerals have
16 engaged in price manipulation, overcapacity, and ar-
17 bitrary export restrictions, using their supply chain
18 dominance as a tool for geopolitical and economic le-
19 verage over the United States.

20 **SEC. 3. CHIEF CRITICAL MINERALS NEGOTIATOR.**

21 Section 141 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
22 2171(b)) is amended as follows:

23 (1) In subsection (b)(2)—

1 (A) in the first sentence, by inserting “one
2 Chief Critical Minerals Negotiator,” after “one
3 Chief Agricultural Negotiator,”; and

4 (B) by inserting “the Chief Critical Min-
5 erals Negotiator,” after “the Chief Agricultural
6 Negotiator,” each place it appears.

7 (2) In subsection (c), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(7) The principal functions of the Chief Critical
10 Minerals Negotiator shall be to conduct trade negotiations
11 regarding critical minerals, enforce trade agreements re-
12 lating to United States critical minerals resources, take
13 appropriate action to address the acts, policies, or prac-
14 tices of trade partners with respect to critical minerals,
15 and lead the coordination of the Office’s critical minerals
16 policy in consultation with the following individuals:

17 “(A) The Secretary of State or his designee.

18 “(B) The Secretary of Energy or his designee.

19 “(C) The Secretary of the Interior or his des-
20 ignee.

21 “(D) Any other individual the United States
22 Trade Representative determines appropriate.”.

23 (3) By adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(i) ANNUAL REPORT BY CHIEF CRITICAL MIN-
2 ERALS NEGOTIATOR.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
4 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Chief Critical
5 Minerals Negotiator shall submit to the appropriate
6 congressional committees, and concurrently publish
7 on a publicly available website of the United States
8 Trade Representative, a report that—

9 “(A) describes in detail the results of a re-
10 view with respect to the acts, policies, and prac-
11 tices relating to the trade in critical minerals in
12 the preceding fiscal year of countries deter-
13 mined by such negotiator to—

14 “(i) have a significant trade relation-
15 ship with the United States; or

16 “(ii) pose a risk to the supply chains
17 of the United States; and

18 “(B) determines whether each such act,
19 policy, or practice reviewed under subparagraph
20 (A)—

21 “(i) creates a supply chain vulner-
22 ability which would be detrimental to the
23 United States defense, energy, and critical
24 infrastructure sectors; or

1 “(ii) violates, is inconsistent with, or
2 otherwise denies the United States of a
3 benefit under a bilateral or multilateral
4 trade agreement with such identified coun-
5 try; and

6 “(C) provides an update for each plan pre-
7 viously submitted under paragraph (2).

8 “(2) RESPONSE TO ADVERSE ACTIONS.—Not
9 later than 30 days after the submission of the report
10 under paragraph (1), the Chief Critical Minerals Ne-
11 gotiator shall submit to the appropriate congres-
12 sional committees a plan to respond to the findings
13 of the report, including any action taken under title
14 III of this Act, to each act, policy, or practice identi-
15 fied in such report that was determined under para-
16 graph (1)(B) to violate, be inconsistent with, or oth-
17 erwise deny to the United States a benefit under a
18 bilateral or multilateral trade agreement with such
19 identified country or create a supply chain vulner-
20 ability which would be detrimental to the United
21 States defense, energy, and critical infrastructure
22 sectors.

23 “(3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘ap-
25 propriate congressional committees’ means Com-

1 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the
3 Senate.”.

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