



## **The Securing Essential and Critical U.S. Resources and Elements (SECURE) Minerals Act of 2026**

### **Background**

Critical minerals are the backbone of modern technology, serving as vital inputs to smart phones, fighter jets, and energy and healthcare technologies. Ensuring a stable, secure supply of critical minerals is crucial for the economic and national security of the United States.

China's unfair trade practices and subsidies have positioned them to dominate the global critical mineral market, putting the U.S. in a vulnerable position. The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently found that China controls an average of 70% of the global market share for critical minerals. This provides China with a significant economic and strategic advantage over the United States, as demonstrated by their recent export restrictions on rare earths and processing technologies.

China deliberately dumps excess production onto the global market, causing mineral prices to plummet. As a result, U.S. companies are unable to invest in domestic critical mineral supply chains, harming U.S. competitiveness. The SECURE Minerals Act of 2026 would provide the Federal Government with a new suite of financial tools that can be deployed to stabilize critical mineral prices.

### **The SECURE Minerals Act of 2026**

The SECURE Minerals Act would establish a Strategic Resilience Reserve (SRR), tasked primarily with stabilizing critical mineral prices. The SRR would be given a suite of flexible financial tools to accomplish this goal, expanding the toolkit for the Federal Government to respond to China's deliberate price manipulation. Additionally, the establishment of a SRR would help codify recent actions by the Trump Administration aimed at standing up critical mineral supply chains.

The SECURE Minerals Act:

- Supports critical mineral markets and aggregates demand to provide greater certainty.
- Establishes a Strategic Resilience Reserve tasked with increasing America's share of global critical mineral and material production.
- Re-shores manufacturing supply chains that are vital to our economic and national security.
- Counters China's unfair trade practices.