



## THE DEVELOPING OVERSEAS MINERAL INVESTMENTS AND NEW ALLIED NETWORKS FOR CRITICAL ENERGIES (DOMINANCE)

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### WHAT:

Strengthening resilient and diverse supply chains for energy and critical minerals is essential to meet the defense, manufacturing, technology and energy needs of the United States. The [DOMINANCE Act](#) will advance U.S. energy, economic and national security by taking bold action to bolster critical mineral supply chains, put energy security at the center of U.S. foreign policy and mitigate national security risk by reducing reliance on foreign adversaries while strengthening allied coordination.

This bill:

- Authorizes Energy Security Compacts (ESCs), which are bilateral, long-term agreements with measurable outcomes for building energy security and critical minerals infrastructure worldwide. These agreements would provide a structure for coordination across federal agencies and financing institutions to build infrastructure in other countries, through partnerships that focus on energy and critical minerals security priorities in line with American foreign policy goals;
- Creates an Assistant Secretary for Energy Security and Diplomacy within the State Department, which will be responsible for coordinating energy and minerals supply chain work; and
- Codifies the Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) to accelerate the development of diverse critical minerals supply chains in cooperation with partner nations and industry by coordinating investment in critical minerals projects.

### WHY IT MATTERS:

Energy Security Compacts support a coordinated, whole-of-government approach needed to bolster U.S. energy exports, enhance national security and provide alternatives to Chinese and Russian energy investments in strategic partner nations. This initiative would support the infrastructure investment necessary to build critical minerals supply chains that don't rely on China.

Critical minerals are vital for U.S. national defense and energy technologies. China's strategic planning spanning multiple decades has allowed it to secure a global competitive advantage in every stage of the critical mineral supply chain. China controls production of 29 of the 50

minerals on the 2022 Critical Minerals list and is the leading refiner for 19 out of 20 key energy-related strategic minerals identified by the International Energy Agency, with an average global market share of around 70 percent. China also processes 90% of rare earth elements (REEs). Strengthening alliances with partners to invest in critical mining and processing projects and harmonizing trade measures against adversaries will reduce the national security risks of overreliance on China.

### **WHAT'S NEXT:**

This bill is an important first step to strengthening partnerships with allies to advance energy and critical mineral supply chains. In addition to strengthening partnerships abroad, it is essential to streamline permitting to develop more mining and processing projects at home while deploying next-generation technologies to let America build and unleash American energy dominance.

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