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Statement on American Critical Mineral Exploration Act

(Washington, D.C.) — The following statement, regarding introduction of the American Critical Mineral Exploration and Innovation Act, may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

"The United States today is frighteningly reliant on China for critical minerals, such as lithium and rare earth minerals. We stand at a pivotal moment. We must develop our own natural resources, particularly those on public lands. The leveraging of private property interests to develop our own sources of these minerals would increase our security, boost American jobs and our economy, and give American mining, extraction and processing firms the opportunity to develop our domestic supply.

"Conservatives for Property Rights commends the American Critical Mineral Exploration and Innovation Act. We urge Congress to take up this sensible, important legislation. It couples streamlined permitting with prioritizing the minerals we need for cutting-edge areas of innovation."

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About Conservatives for Property Rights:

Conservatives for Property Rights is a coalition of conservative organizations that stand for private rights in property in all its forms — physical, personal and intellectual. CPR believes property rights are divinely endowed to human beings on account of their humanity, and private property is essential to the functioning of free enterprise, investing one's resources in discovery and creativity, and the exercise of ordered liberty.