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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC
COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY**

March 19, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Critical Minerals Reclamation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arizona State University, located at 300 E. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281.

The funding would be used to prototype, test, and scale new technologies to improve the recovery of critical minerals from waste streams that contain lithium, rare earth elements, cobalt, nickel, and copper that are essential to energy storage systems, semiconductor manufacturing, grid equipment, and defense technologies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment helps the United States use resources it already has rather than increasing reliance on imported materials. These activities fall squarely within NIST's authorized role under 15 U.S.C. § 272 to promote innovation, improve measurement science, and support U.S. economic security through scientific and technical research.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Stanton".

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress