



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Speech

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** The conversation we're having here today does not need to be as divisive and destructive to hard-working Minnesotans as my Democrat colleagues from Minnesota are pushing. Today I stand with the Representative of Northern Minnesota, Pete Stauber, who is advocating for those Minnesotans who will be directly impacted by this short-sighted effort. We both firmly believe that American mining is the safest and environmentally responsible way to help America. We've been told time and time again, not this mine, not this location. Unfortunately, the reality is our Democrat colleagues want to ban all mining. They want to eliminate good-paying jobs in construction, labor, and allow countries like China and Russia to utilize child labor and environmentally disastrous practices to mine for the minerals our everyday items need, like cell phones and cars. This bill doesn't simply attack the future of mining, it impacts existing mines in operation today. This bill will decimate those jobs. I urge all our colleagues to vote against this rule and the bill in order to preserve mining in our great state. It will also help secure America's mineral independence and give miners the opportunity to do what they do best, mine responsibly in our country for the benefit of all Americans. I yield back. *Note: This transcript appears to be from a congressional floor speech rather than a TV/radio interview, as evidenced by the formal language and "I yield back" conclusion typical of House proceedings.*

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