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Chairman Bruce Westerman
United States House Committee on Natural Resources

Dear Chairman Westerman:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) writes to express support for H.J. Res.106, a Congressional Review Act (CRA) disapproval resolution for the 2024 Central Yukon Resource Management Plan (CYRMP).

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. AMA's more than 1,400 members come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Alaska's miners are individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

Following the determination from the Government Accountability Office, a CRA disapproval resolution for the CYRMP would correct a highly flawed policy action that is inconsistent with law. The CYRMP restricts economic and infrastructure development, complicates access to inholdings, and is in direct conflict with the federal government's stated goals for critical minerals and rural connectivity. The Plan designated 21 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern covering 3.6 million acres—approximately 25% of the planning area—and maintained outdated land withdrawals under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The list of flaws in the final CYRMP is lengthy: AMA's technical comments on the [draft Plan](#) and a protest to the [final Plan](#) cover those from Alaska's mining industry perspective.

It is our hope that a CRA disapproval resolution moves forward to not only correct the CYRMP, but also to address a broader concern about the Bureau of Land Management approach to land use planning in the West, and the need for greater congressional oversight where federal plans undermine access, economic development, and responsible resource use. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Congressman Nick Begich