

A Bill to Restrict Deep Sea Mining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The extraction of mineral resources through deep sea mining shall be
3 restricted to an annual mineral extraction rate of 100,000 metric tons per
4 company within U.S. Territorial Waters and the United States Exclusive
5 Economic Zone (EEZ).

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Mining" refers to any operation that extracts mineral resources from the
7 seabed at a significant scale for commercial gain, regardless of profitability.

8 B. "Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)" refers to the area extending up to 200
9 nautical miles from the U.S. coastline, where the United States has special
10 rights over the exploration and use of marine resources.

11 C. "Deep Sea" is defined as any underwater area where the seabed and
12 subsoil lie at a depth of ten meters or more within U.S. Territorial Waters or
13 the EEZ.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Coast Guard, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
15 shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

16 A. A first violation of these regulations by any organization shall result in a
17 fine of ten million dollars, along with any necessary environmental
18 remediation costs.

19 B. A second violation by the same entity will lead to the suspension of its
20 operating license within the United States, and its assets will be seized to
21 support environmental restoration efforts.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. Any laws that conflict
23 with these provisions shall be deemed null and void.

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