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Statement of General President Brent Booker on Representative Stauber's Minnesota Mining Legislation

Washington, D.C. (January 20, 2026) — LIUNA General President Brent Booker made this statement regarding Representative Stauber's Minnesota Mining Legislation:

“The Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA) urges Members of Congress to support H.J. Res. 140, a Congressional Review Act resolution that would restore our ability to responsibly develop critical minerals that are needed by our nation to combat climate change and protect our national security. For more than 130 years, mining in Minnesota has created family-supporting careers for generations of laborers.

Northern Minnesota is home to the world’s largest known undeveloped copper-nickel deposit. The importance of mining these minerals in Minnesota echoes the determination that we build it all, here in America. Our inability to mine only weakens our domestic production and outsources the jobs it creates. We thank Representative Stauber (R-MN) for introducing this legislation and urge bipartisan support.”

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The more than a half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers’ International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build the U.S. and Canada.