

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Klobuchar:

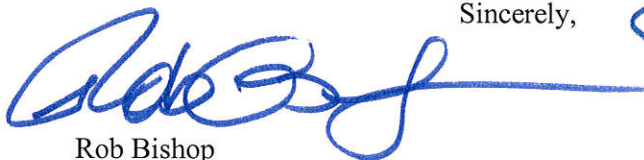
We would like to bring to your attention an upcoming hearing in the House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on H.R. 5598, the so-called "Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act," scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in 1324 Longworth House Office Building.

As you may know, H.R. 5598 is designed to prevent the approval and development of the Twin Metals project, which has the potential to deliver significant economic and revenue opportunities for Northern Minnesota. Enactment of H.R. 5598 would prevent Minnesotans from accessing thousands of good-paying jobs and undermine development of domestically produced critical minerals that are vital to our everyday lives and national defense. Knowing of your interest in this topic and the importance to your state, we strongly encourage your attendance or the submission of testimony on the bill.

Twin Metals, as you know, has already undergone rigorous environmental review and must achieve numerous additional regulatory approvals at the State and Federal level before any mining can begin. Many individuals, yourself included,<sup>1</sup> have stressed the importance of allowing a thorough review of this project before determining if it should be permitted, as the law affords and requires. We share these sentiments. However, this proposed legislation would undermine the environmental review process, arbitrarily terminating it before regulators have provided their complete analyses to the public.

A broad coalition of local stakeholders are proponents of this project, including labor unions, builders, miners, schools, local officials, and a range of other advocates. We remain hopeful that more of these voices can be heard in an official public meeting before the Committee. Unfortunately, it appears as though Committee Democrats are using this hearing to stack the deck against it. Your participation would be beneficial in this regard and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop  
Ranking Republican  
House Committee on Natural Resources



Paul Gosar  
Ranking Republican  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

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<sup>1</sup> Strassel, Kimberley A. (June 6, 2019.) A Democrat Deflates a Trump 'Scandal.' *Wall Street Journal*.  
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-democrat-deflates-a-trump-scandal-11559862259>