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RARE Applauds Congressman Mark Amodei for Sponsorship of the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012

United States House of Representatives vote is vital to national security and job creation

(WASHINGTON) – RARE, The Association for Rare Earth today thanked **Congressman Mark Amodei** for his leadership in sponsoring the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012 (H.R. 4402), and urged the members of the United States House of Representatives to vote for its passage. The legislation, intended to streamline the permitting process for critical minerals, is one of the top priorities for RARE. Rare earth elements are among the critical minerals whose production will be aided by passage of the bill.

RARE's President and CEO **Adam Falkoff** said, "**Congressman Amodei** is to be commended for sponsoring and steering the most significant job creation bill to be brought to the floor this year. The issues addressed in the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012 will create thousands of jobs while securing resources vital to national security and quality of life."

Continued **Falkoff**, "**Congressman Amodei's** tireless efforts in sponsoring H.R. 4402 will stabilize critical supply chain components for American manufacturers and will create high caliber, family-wage jobs in Nevada and throughout the United States."

Rare earth minerals are crucial for the production of flat panel televisions, smart phones, computing tablets, wind turbines, solar panels, MRIs and PET scanners, guided missiles, and much more. China controls 95% of the world's production of rare earth minerals and is tightening its control on these vital resources.

About RARE: The Association for Rare Earth. RARE is a bipartisan organization that seeks to increase the production of rare earth elements; remove barriers to access of rare earth elements domestically and internationally; increase the affordability and trade of rare earth minerals; and increase the affordability and availability of technologically and environmentally advanced products made with rare earth minerals -- all for the betterment of people's lives and the environment in which they live.

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