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Taconite, steel, iron, however it is referenced, is all vital to our very existence and way of day-to-day life. Without iron mining, there would be no automobiles, no rebar for our concrete infrastructure, no ships to transport goods on waterways, and no cast iron cookware or stoves to cook on. Nearly every human in the U.S. utilizes and relies on daily items that require iron or steel to exist. When mining of iron and taconite production is restricted so greatly that the U.S. is not able to economically produce its own steel, we all pay the price, particularly with tariffs adding significant cost to any goods imported to the U.S.. The mining industry provides over \$4 billion annually to the economy of the state of Minnesota, and provides over 12,000 jobs in the northeast. None of those people, to whom Minnesota is 'home' want to see their water sources destroyed. None want to have contaminated water coming out of their taps for their families and nearly all utilize the healthy waterways for family outdoor activities. Producing taconite is not clean, no, but the industry and regulations on the industry require that they have very advanced technologies which have been developed over the last 100 years to mitigate practices that pollute natural bodies of water. Companies like U.S. Steel understand and take to heart the concerns of the communities in which they operate and are held to environmental standards above any on the globe, and they act with pride in the communities where they operate. Personally, I have no doubt that if granted this permit, the U.S. taconite supply chain will continue to produce iron and steel that is economically reasonable and make end-use products attainable for the majority of our society. These iron deposits and operations can only exist in discrete locations where iron is concentrated enough in the ground to make mining of it reasonable. Minnesota IS that location in the United States. Without this, the economy of both Minnesota and the U.S. will suffer. I hope that broader perspective to include the entirety of the U.S. is used when making such critical permitting decisions.