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As a member of Minnesota's Iron Range delegation, I write to urge your continued support for Mesabi Metallics and the swift approval of its permit amendments.

I also write as the State Representative for the community that this mine will operate in and have called this area home my entire life.

This project is more than a regional development; it is a statewide opportunity. Mesabi Metallics will be Minnesota's first new mine and pellet plant in nearly 50 years, and it is setting a historic precedent by becoming the first zero-process-water-discharge mining operation in the state.

Mesabi Metallics is a direct investment in the future of Minnesota's economy and workforce. With over \$2 billion already invested and an additional \$400 million planned, the project is set to generate hundreds of high-quality, family-sustaining jobs, contribute over \$30 million in tax benefits and provide long-term economic security to a region that has powered this state for generations.

Locally, the project is already providing results. Mesabi Metallics employs more than 80 full-time workers today and supports approximately 600 union construction jobs on site—jobs that are held by Minnesotans. The company has made measurable commitments to transparency and public engagement, including town halls, open houses and direct investments in over 25 community projects in the past year.

The Iron Range has always stepped up to meet Minnesota's and the nation's industrial and economic needs. Now, with Mesabi Metallics, we have an opportunity to lead the state and the nation toward a sustainable, innovative model of resource development.

I respectfully ask for your leadership in supporting the final steps to move this project forward.