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## **MN-8th Congressional District Candidate Pete Stauber applauds Rep. Tom Emmer's (MN-6) MINER Act**

*(Hermantown, Minn.)* – Pete Stauber, St. Louis County Commissioner and candidate for U.S. Congress from Minnesota’s 8th Congressional District, applauds the introduction of the Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act, abbreviated to MINER Act, which requires approval from Congress for any federal proposal to withdraw land from mining, or establishment of national monuments in Minnesota. As a native of Northeast Minnesota, Stauber understands that mining for precious metals is part of the diverse economy of the region.

“It’s gratifying to see the important MINER Act being supported by Republican and Democratic leaders in Minnesota,” said Stauber. “But it’s unfortunate that Rep. Nolan, the person elected to represent the families that would most benefit, has chosen to quietly sit this one out. Mining brings good-paying American jobs to the 8th District and I am committed to being the voice that working families need to stop Washington's assault on our way of life.”

Additionally, this legislation would allow the renewal of mineral leases in the area and prevent Washington, DC, from disrupting the mining economy in Northeast Minnesota. The bill was introduced by Minnesota U.S. Rep. Tom Emmer (CD-6) and cosponsored by two other congressmen from Minnesota: DFL Rep. Collin Peterson (CD-7) and Republican Rep. Jason Lewis (CD-2). Not included as a cosponsor is the current congressman of the MN-8th District, Rick Nolan.

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