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A Bill to Bolster Domestic Production of Rare Earth Elements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. government shall provide \$1 billion in investment into new rare
3 earth element (REE) refineries within the country.

4 **SECTION 2.** REE's shall be defined as the 15 lanthanides, as well as scandium and
5 yttrium. A refinery shall be defined as a facility that takes the ore of such
6 REE's and converts it into a highly purified form of the element.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall be responsible for the enforcement of
8 this legislation, including the allocation of investment into new projects.
9 Project proposals shall be carefully reviewed by leadership before
10 investment. No single project shall receive more than \$200 million.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
12 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Support American Renewable Energy Production

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Foreign feedstock Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) will now
3 generate 50% of the value compared to those generated from US
4 feedstocks.

5 **SECTION 2.** A feedstock shall be defined as the renewable material (including, but not
6 limited to, corn, soybeans, and food waste) from which the RIN is
7 generated.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for the
9 enforcement of this legislation under the Renewable Fuel Standard.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2026. All laws in conflict
11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Invest in Sustainable Energy for AI Data Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. government will provide \$500 million in subsidies for companies to
- 2 invest in geothermal energy technology and infrastructure over the next
- 3 two years.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A. Geothermal energy is defined as a form of renewable energy taken from
- 5 the heat at the earth's core.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) will be responsible for reviewing
- 7 companies eligible for the subsidies. The funds for the subsidies will be
- 8 allocated from its discretionary budget.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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