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# H. R. 9617

To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate a National Critical Mineral Recovery Strategy, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALMER (for himself and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Coordinating and Har-  
5       nessing America’s Recovery of Minerals Act” or the  
6       “CHARM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CRITICAL MINERAL RECOVERY STRAT-**  
2 **EGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of the Solid Waste Dis-  
4 posal Act (42 U.S.C. 6911 et seq.) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 2009. NATIONAL CRITICAL MINERAL RECOVERY**  
7 **STRATEGY.**

8 “(a) STRATEGY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, in  
10 consultation with the heads of other Federal agen-  
11 cies that the Administrator determines to be rel-  
12 evant, develop and carry out a National Critical  
13 Mineral Recovery Strategy (in this section referred  
14 to as the ‘Strategy’) for the purpose of coordinating  
15 Federal efforts to recover critical minerals from dis-  
16 carded materials.

17 “(2) PURPOSE.—In developing the Strategy  
18 under paragraph (1), the Administrator, in consulta-  
19 tion with the heads of other Federal agencies de-  
20 scribed in paragraph (1), shall—

21 “(A) identify programs administered by,  
22 and authorities of, the Administrator that relate  
23 to the recovery of critical minerals from dis-  
24 carded materials;

25 “(B) identify programs administered by,  
26 and authorities of, the other relevant Federal

1 agencies that relate to the recovery of critical  
2 minerals from discarded materials;

3 “(C) identify, and consider for inclusion in  
4 the Strategy, opportunities that expand the re-  
5 covery of critical minerals, as well as that ad-  
6 dress legal, technological, and other barriers to  
7 recovering such critical minerals from discarded  
8 materials;

9 “(D) identify, and consider for inclusion in  
10 the Strategy, opportunities to recover critical  
11 minerals from discarded materials that are min-  
12 ing waste or residuals or metal processing  
13 waste;

14 “(E) identify discarded materials that are  
15 potential sources of critical minerals;

16 “(F) identify potential critical minerals  
17 that may be in discarded materials;

18 “(G) evaluate the role of recovered critical  
19 minerals, and the sources from which such crit-  
20 ical minerals were recovered from discarded ma-  
21 terials, in strengthening domestic supply chains  
22 of critical minerals; and

23 “(H) identify opportunities to recover crit-  
24 ical minerals from discarded materials in a

1 manner that minimizes risk to human health  
2 and the environment.

3 “(b) REPORT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
5 after the date of enactment of this section, and every  
6 2 years thereafter, the Administrator shall transmit  
7 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the  
8 House of Representatives and Committee on Envi-  
9 ronment and Public Works of the Senate, and make  
10 publicly available, a report that contains the Strat-  
11 egy and a description of activities carried out pursu-  
12 ant to subsection (a).

13 “(2) INCLUSION.—The Administrator shall in-  
14 clude in the report transmitted under paragraph (1)  
15 a description of—

16 “(A) any actions taken by the Adminis-  
17 trator to facilitate the recovery of critical min-  
18 erals from discarded materials pursuant to the  
19 Strategy;

20 “(B) any actions taken by another Federal  
21 agency, in coordination with the Administrator,  
22 to facilitate the recovery of critical minerals  
23 from discarded materials pursuant to the Strat-  
24 egy;

1           “(C) any ongoing or planned actions by  
2           the Administrator to facilitate the recovery of  
3           critical minerals from discarded materials pur-  
4           suant to the Strategy; and

5           “(D) any recommendations for legislation  
6           to support the developing and carrying out of  
7           the Strategy.

8           “(c) CRITICAL MINERAL DEFINED.—In this section,  
9           the term ‘critical mineral’ has the meaning given such  
10          term in section 7002(a)(3) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30  
11          U.S.C. 1606(c)(3)).”.

12          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
13          tents contained in section 1001 of the Solid Waste Dis-  
14          posal Act is amended by inserting after the item relating  
15          to section 2008 the following:

“Sec. 2009. National Critical Mineral Recovery Strategy.”.

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