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At the end of subtitle E of title II, add the following new section:

SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE DOMESTIC RARE EARTH ELEMENT SUPPLY CHAIN.

(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than January 1, 2021, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy, shall carry out a program under which the Secretary of Defense makes grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institutions for the purpose of enhancing the security and stability of the domestic rare earth element supply chain for the National Defense Stockpile.

(b) ACTIVITIES.—An eligible institution that receives a grant under this section may use the grant for—

(1) source identification and rare earth element quantification for mining and recycling electronics waste (commonly known as “e-waste”);

(2) research and development of automated disassembly and separation, novel and traditional separation,
ration methodologies, assay development, and lab-

scale testing;

(3) research and development of pilot-scale

processes supporting mining and e-waste stream

processing, including design and demonstration ef-

forts; or

(4) such other activities as the Secretary of De-

fense determines appropriate.

(e) LIMITATION.—The total amount of grants re-

ceived by an eligible institution under this section may not

exceed 25 percent of the amount appropriated to carry out

this section for a fiscal year.