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Dear Joe,

We all want a prosperous country, including well-paying jobs that support our communities, our families and future generations. A strong manufacturing sector is the ticket to a thriving economic future, and mining is foundation for its success.

Just last week, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) wrapped its [State of Manufacturing Tour](#). The 10-stop tour crisscrossed the country and showed—once again—why manufacturing drives American jobs and the economy. “Manufacturing has a disproportionate responsibility to keep our economy humming,” [NAM’s President and CEO Jay Timmons](#) said, and I agree!

But the bedrock of manufacturing is mining—because the truth is: *minerals are in almost everything.*

Studies show that one of the biggest concerns manufacturers have is how they’ll maintain reliable and timely access to the minerals and metals necessary to make their products. Foreign supply chains are often long and unstable. In fact, more than **90 percent of executives** are concerned about supply disruptions outside of their control,

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RUTHENIUM <b>RU</b> 44	RHODIUM <b>RH</b> 45	PALLADIUM <b>PD</b> 46
CHEMICALLY, PHYSICALLY AND STRUCTurally SIMILAR		
OSMIUM <b>OS</b> 76	IRIDIUM <b>IR</b> 77	PLATINUM <b>PT</b> 78

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citing geopolitics and increasing global demand as the most pressing issues.

The solution is simple: ***Take action today to guarantee a strong U.S. mining sector tomorrow.***

If lawmakers opened access to the **\$6.2 trillion** worth of mineral reserves we have right here at home, manufacturers could secure more of the materials they need from our own country, without complicated and expensive supply chains. The ***National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013*** would do just that. It's smart, logical policy and a **win-win-win for mining, manufacturing and America.**

We need more voices to speak in support of this critical legislation.



*February is American Heart Month, and minerals make major contributions to medications and the medical technology used in the treatment of heart disease. **Click here to learn how minerals make pacemakers.***

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