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Joe,

A Senate hearing—broadcast live today at 10 a.m. EDT—will discuss the “American Mineral Security Act of 2015,” a bill that would modernize our nation’s inefficient mine permitting system.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hear testimony from mining experts and advocates that will explain how America’s [current permitting process](#) has hindered job growth and doubled our nation’s dependence on mineral imports over the past 20 years. Many of these minerals could be mined here at home. This bill can help us reverse course and spur new job growth.

[Click here to watch the hearing live.](#)

The mining industry supports 1.2 million jobs nationwide. By expanding access to our domestic mineral supply through this legislation, we can create more jobs in mining and the manufacturing industries dependent on minerals for hard-working Americans.

I ask two things of you today.

DID YOU KNOW?

Improve our mineral security, protect our manufacturers

“We are alarmingly dependent on foreign sources for dozens of minerals. Instead of ignoring this situation as it grows worse, my bill offers a chance to change course. It would improve our mineral security and protect our manufacturers for decades to come.”

– Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska

Take action to support Senator Murkowski’s legislation!



Tell your legislator to support the “American Mineral Security Act of 2015.” [Click here to learn more.](#)

Manufacturers are increasingly concerned with minerals and metals supply

1. Please [join me in watching this hearing](#) to learn more about this important issue, and
2. [Take action](#) by sending a letter of support for the bill to your member of Congress.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
NMA President and CEO

MINING:
THE FOUNDATION OF U.S. MANUFACTURING

DEMAND FOR U.S. MINERALS AND METALS
Manufacturers are increasingly concerned with minerals and metals supply

A large majority of U.S. manufacturing executives are concerned about the issue of minerals and metals supply

Supply concerns

5-10 years
Most believe minerals and metals demand will only increase over the next 5-10 years

In a recent survey of more than 400 manufacturing executives, 84 percent said they believe a strong domestic supply of critical minerals and metals will ensure job and economic growth in the United States. [Click here to view our infographic of the results.](#)



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