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Dear Joe,

Momentum continues to build around the national minerals conversation. Minerals mining was highlighted in the Bureau of Labor Statistics recent report as a jobs engine in recessionary times. New legislation in both the House and the Senate focuses on providing a stable supply of domestic minerals to meet our nation's innovative technology and manufacturing needs. These were just two of the key topics at a convergence of business, policy and thought leaders in Washington, D.C., for an in-depth discussion on American minerals mining.



At the "Addressing America's 21st Century Minerals Needs" executive forum, hosted by the *Financial Times* and NMA, I joined a panel of experts for a conversation on today's most pressing minerals supply issues, including the United States' increasing reliance on mineral imports and the implications of that trend. An [executive summary](#) of the event, as well as video excerpts from our discussions on [national security](#) and [economic growth](#), can be found at mineralsmakelife.org.

As we continue to raise the profile of important minerals mining issues, everyday Americans, opinion leaders and policymakers are finding common ground as they recognize the critical need for a national minerals policy. Bills by [Sen. Lisa Murkowski](#) (R-Alaska) and [Rep. Doug Lamborn](#) (R-Colo.) address this need, and with your [support](#), we'll move even closer to realizing America's minerals mining potential.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
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To learn more about minerals and what they mean to America, visit mineralsmakelife.org.

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The National Mining Association (NMA) is the voice of American mining in Washington, D.C. NMA is the only national trade organization that represents the interests of mining before Congress, the administration, federal agencies, the judiciary and the media.

