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Dear Joe,

The economy is still the number one priority for voters as last week's midterm elections indicated. The administration and Congress need to get serious about adding jobs and growing the economy. If they are serious, it is time to prioritize manufacturing and the mining industry on which it relies.

A recent [survey](#) commissioned by the National Mining Association (NMA) emphasizes the need for such reform. The survey reveals that most senior executives in the manufacturing sector are concerned about minerals and metals supply to the success of their businesses, and 90 percent are concerned about supply chain disruptions outside of their control. The United States has one of the world's largest mineral repositories (\$6.2 trillion worth), and yet, **less than half** of the minerals American manufacturers use come from domestically mined resources. As the United States once again becomes a global manufacturing hub, domestic companies will bolster demand for minerals and metals, demonstrating the need for strong, stable supply chains of these critical raw materials.

Moreover, a majority of manufacturers — **80 percent** — recognize the importance of sourcing minerals and metals from the United States,

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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



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

U.S. manufacturers are concerned about the stability of their mineral and metal supply chains. Check out this [infographic](#) that explains why most manufacturers believe streamlined access to our domestic supply is the solution.

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which they believe will decrease our dependence on foreign countries, strengthen U.S. national security and ensure job and economic growth. In fact, in 2013 alone, industries utilized minerals to add more than **\$2 trillion to the U.S. GDP.**

The bottom line is this: America has a vast supply of minerals and the capacity to mine it. What we need is Congress to enact legislation that provides timely and efficient access those raw materials, which in turn, supports American manufacturers and drives our nation forward. If you support us, won't you [join us?](#)

Best,

Hal Quinn

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Minerals are vital to manufacturing the products and technologies that make U.S. companies world leaders in innovation, propel our economy and enable U.S. industries to compete globally. The growing global population and the development of new technologies and products that rely on greater combinations of minerals have increased the manufacturing industry's demand for raw materials.



Minerals and metals are critical to high-tech products like computers and electric vehicles.

About the survey:
To explore the importance of minerals to the U.S. manufacturing industry and protect U.S. competitiveness, the National Mining Association (NMA) commissioned a survey to conduct a survey of some 200 manufacturing executives in the manufacturing industry. All executives completed a survey to learn how minerals make their operations.



U.S. Minerals and Metals Supply

The issue of minerals and metals supply is a growing concern among U.S. businesses, as U.S. manufacturers currently rely on foreign countries for more than half of the minerals and metals they use. Without a stable domestic supply chain, their access to critical and strategic minerals and metals is susceptible to disruption.

More than 90 percent of executives are concerned about supply disruptions outside of their control, citing geopolitics and increasing global demand as the most pressing factors. Most executives surveyed also believe minerals and metals demand will only increase in the next five to 10 years. Without access to minerals and metals, the items we depend on every day—ranging from medical devices and transportation to communication, energy and even national defense—would cease to exist.

The survey's findings further confirm the need for legislation that provides for a more predictable and efficient permitting process to feed the manufacturing supply chain. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the survey results.

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