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Dear Joe,

As we end one year and begin another, the many opportunities spurred by U.S. minerals mining in 2011 should not go unrecognized. One of few sectors to have consistently added jobs this past year, U.S. mining today supports 1.1 million American jobs nationwide and has enabled modern products such as aircrafts, medical equipment and state-of-the-art electronics to come to fruition.

However, if we are to foster American ingenuity, build a stable economy and create jobs in 2012 and beyond, the U.S. portfolio for growth must include a secure, domestic minerals supply.

Some of the fastest growing industries in the United States—including high tech, automotive manufacturing and renewable energy—rely on minerals to operate. In a [December 2011 PricewaterhouseCoopers study](#), 67 percent of respondents—senior executives in these industries worldwide—revealed that they expect their companies to be affected by minerals and metals supply scarcity in the next five years.

We must not allow our nation's minerals needs to go unmet, especially when these very resources help put Americans back to work and drive our economy.

I hope to count on your [support](#) in the new year. Together, we can work to ensure our leaders make smart decisions about securing our nation's minerals supply.

Thank you, and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Warm regards,

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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.

