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Dear Joe,

Congress is back in session and needs to take action on the important issues that will ensure **continued growth of our economy and improved global competitiveness.**

U.S. minerals mining is an important economic driver, bolstering **countless American industries** and innovation while supporting **millions of U.S. jobs.** However, an **inefficient and confusing permitting process** hinders this potential as explained in NMA's whiteboard video below:



Our policymakers must implement a **common-sense approach to minerals mining**--such as that outlined in "The Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013"--to help foster

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a [secure and reliable minerals supply chain](#) on which our domestic manufacturers rely. Current unnecessary delays for new mining projects allow foreign competitors to bring resources to market **at more than twice the speed of U.S. manufacturers.**

NMA's [Minerals Make Life](#) site provides more information about the need for streamlined permitting without sacrificing strict environmental regulations.

Best regards,

Hal Quinn



Many Americans might be shocked to find out that they personally depend on more than 38,000 pounds of new minerals annually--that's more than 100 pounds of minerals per day.



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