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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.

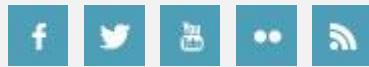
Best regards,

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*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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