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Dear Joe,

The U.S. Labor Department released new [statistics](#) last week that hinted at an economic recovery. Nearly 230,000 jobs were added in February, and the U.S. manufacturing sector not only added jobs for the first time since 1990, but sector payrolls are at their highest point in three years. While these are positive short-term signs, we must ensure American manufacturers have the resources necessary to fuel long-term growth.

Unfortunately, current U.S. policies do just the opposite. Rather than developing strategies to ensure stable supplies of U.S. minerals to domestic manufacturing, an inefficient and overly complex permitting system ties up capital for years—suppressing investments and job creation in the United States.

I invite you to view our new [animated video](#) that shows how we can fully utilize our nation's vast mineral resources to boost U.S. manufacturing prospects.



Together, we can ensure the right [policies](#) are in place to help our nation meet its mineral needs.

Warm regards,

Hal Quinn
President and CEO
National Mining Association

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NMA at The Heritage Foundation's Bloggers Briefing



On Tuesday, March 13, [The Heritage Foundation](#) in Washington, D.C., hosted Carol Raulston, senior vice president of communications, and Jamie Caswell, manager of communications and outreach, at its Bloggers Briefing.

Carol and Jamie addressed a range of current minerals mining issues, including the Department of the Interior's recent withdrawal of one million acres of land in Arizona from mining. We invite you to watch the Bloggers Briefing via our [webcast](#).

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.

