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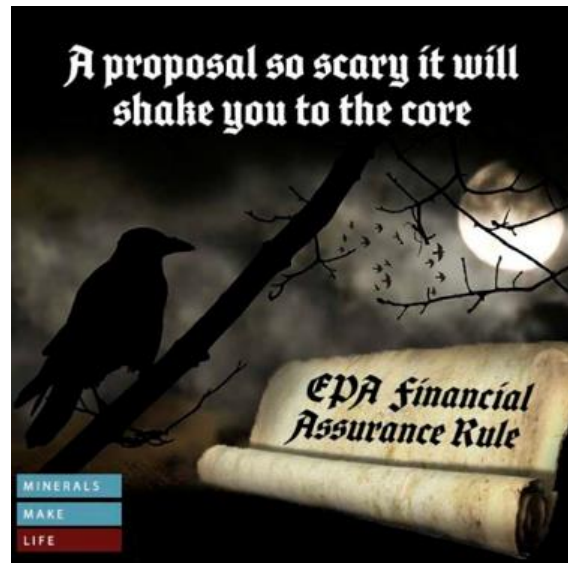
It's easy to get sidetracked by partisan politics during the election cycle. Instead, we're asking Americans to keep in mind the challenges facing our nation and how the candidates plan to solve them. It's especially important to know where candidates stand on issues facing the mining industry. Through our [Mine the Vote](#) project you can learn about candidates in your state who support American mining, and you can compare the presidential candidates and political parties.



Every election brings the opportunity to change the course of our country's future and this election is no different. It's important that we support candidates who support American mining because **minerals are economic drivers**. Our industry supports not only mining jobs, but jobs across many other industries like manufacturing. In fact, American industries that use metals and

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minerals made-up more than 14 percent of the GDP, or approximately \$2.5 trillion.

Harry Moser, founder and president of the Reshoring Initiative, explained in a recent [guest blog post](#) why the current mine permitting process is hindering our economic recovery. When our mining operations aren't allowed to keep up with demand, manufacturers are forced to look overseas to source materials that are available here at home.

America needs a better permitting process to create opportunities at every level of the supply chain. We need Congress to pass legislation improving access to U.S. minerals and metals. The only way we're going to get the change we so desperately need is with your support.

I want to encourage you to vote for a stronger economy in this election. Support American mining and manufacturing, and be sure to visit [Mine the Vote](#) to find out which candidates are making a difference.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
NMA President and CEO

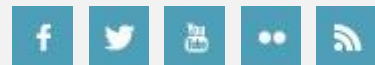
Hecla's CEO Explains How EPA is Threatening Mining States



Measures proposed by the EPA would create [new barriers for mining operations and stifle future mineral development](#). Even companies like Hecla, with a 125-year track record, are worried.



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