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Dear Joe,

Unemployment continues to cripple the nation, as month after month, the United States falls deeper into a jobs crisis unrivaled since the Great Depression.

And yet, 8,000 Americans secured jobs in minerals mining last month; high-paying positions in a sector that has [grown](#) 4 percent in the past year, according to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), and already supports [1.1 million](#) American jobs.

But that's just a fraction of what could—and should—be possible. Revising inefficient mining regulations and permitting processes will attract more investment in domestic mining. A new wave of minerals miners could find employment providing the mineral raw materials needed to spur growth throughout the economy.

Fortunately, leaders like Sen. Lisa Murkowski and Rep. Doug Lamborn are taking action. Bills in the [Senate](#) and [House](#) aim to modernize the permitting process and assess our nation's minerals needs, so we can meet more of those needs with our abundant domestic reserves. And just last week, Lamborn's bill passed the House Natural Resources Committee with unanimous bipartisan approval.

Sound minerals policy is key to job and economic growth. To learn about the broader role of minerals in our economy, please visit [www.mineralsmakelife.org](http://www.mineralsmakelife.org).

Thank you,

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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.

