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Dear Joe,

Although the United States has vast mineral resources, our nation's dependence on foreign mineral imports has doubled over the last two decades due to the lack of a clear minerals mining strategy.

Revitalizing our nation's critical minerals supply chain could bolster the U.S. economy, foster product innovation, strengthen national security and add to the 1.1 million American jobs currently supported by U.S. minerals mining.

Fortunately, some of our elected leaders are taking steps to get us there. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Rep. Doug Lamborn of Colorado recently introduced legislation in the [Senate](#) and [House](#) requiring:

- An assessment of mineral requirements to meet national needs, including the demands of the nation's manufacturers;
- An updated assessment of mineral resources located in the United States, as well as identification of lands that are not open to mining;
- A review of the permitting process for mineral-related activities along with recommendations for improvements;
- Improved capabilities to provide more forward-looking analyses of mineral supply chain trends; and
- Workforce assessments, curriculum development, worker training and associated grant authorizations.

On Monday, June 13, NMA and the *Financial Times* will co-host an [executive forum](#) for government, national security, technology and minerals mining experts to address our nation's critical minerals needs. A live stream of the event will be available on [www.mineralsmakelife.org](http://www.mineralsmakelife.org). I will be in touch soon with more information.

Thank you,

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President and CEO  
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To learn more about minerals and what they mean to America, visit [mineralsmakelife.org](http://mineralsmakelife.org).

## ABOUT NMA

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