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Dear Joe,

Each October, manufacturers and leaders throughout the manufacturing supply chain mark Manufacturing Month. It is a time to reflect on the state of American-made goods, economic health and to prepare for challenges to come.

In recent years, efforts to reshore U.S. jobs have led to a manufacturing renaissance of sorts. According to a recent survey of global manufacturing executives, the U.S. is poised to overtake China by 2020 as the world's most competitive manufacturing nation. Advanced manufacturing technologies, high worker productivity and low energy costs are all helping drive this ascent.

And yet—in the midst of this heightened optimism—the manufacturing sector has become deeply reliant on imported metals and minerals, leaving it vulnerable to supply chain disruption.

#### MINERALS ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING



The National Mining Association's Katie Sweeney notes in her recent comments to the Department of Defense:

"...we are becoming increasing[ly] reliant on foreign sources of minerals to meet the needs of domestic manufacturers. Today, less than half of the mineral needs of U.S. manufacturing are met from domestically mined resources."

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Manufacturers have become reliant on imported materials in part due to protracted delays created by the U.S.' duplicative and burdensome mine permitting process that takes an average of seven to 10 years. Compounding the issue, import restrictions increase pressure on manufacturers to move their operations overseas.

**In fact, 91 percent of manufacturing executives say they are concerned about the minerals and metals supply.** Read the [SNL Metals & Mining Permitting Study](#) to learn more.

Fortunately, a solution is possible.

Harry Moser of the Reshoring Initiative is determined to bring manufacturing—and manufacturing jobs—back to the U.S. To do so, he argues, we must first solve the mine permitting problem. [Watch Moser's video](#) to learn more about how improved access to U.S. minerals is key to reshoring manufacturing jobs.

We need a streamlined mine permitting process. While it can take up to a decade to obtain a mine permit in the U.S., other nations with similar environmental standards, like Australia and Canada, are able to get a mining project underway in two to three years.

Removing unnecessary delays in the permitting process will unlock our nation's minerals potential and give our manufacturers the raw materials they need—when they need them.

In honor of Manufacturing Month, [please write to your member](#) and let them know that mine permitting policies are hindering the success of U.S. manufacturing.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn  
 NMA President and CEO

## DID YOU KNOW?

### October is Manufacturing Month

"America's manufacturing CEOs have recognized that using our country's minerals responsibly and efficiently is a national priority for strengthening our manufacturing base and the jobs it provides."

—Hal Quinn,  
 President and CEO of the National Mining Association

**ACT NOW**  
 to support domestic minerals production and a stronger supply chain!



A U.S. manufacturing renaissance is underway but mine permitting policies that hinder access to minerals could disrupt supply chains and slow growth.

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