



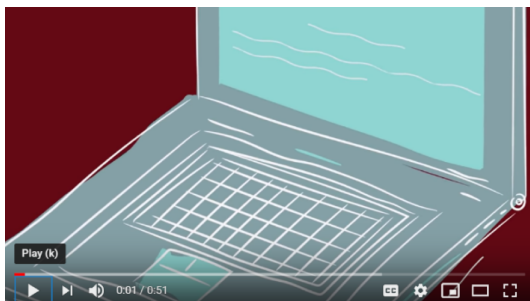
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Dear Joe,

Many Americans still do not know or understand the impact that minerals have on our modern world. Minerals are absolutely essential to almost every industry – from healthcare to manufacturing to national defense. Without minerals, our lives would not be the same.

More than 13 minerals are required to make cell phones, devices on which five billion people rely to communicate. Copper is key to the production of live-saving medical equipment like MRI machines. Zinc and molybdenum play an important role in alternative energy technologies, while nickel is a crucial material for military body armor that keeps our troops safe.

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Although minerals and metals are so essential to our everyday lives, our nation's

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The mining sector is using technology in new and exciting ways to extract the minerals on

outdated and duplicative mine permitting system restricts our access to these materials. Currently, it can take anywhere from seven to 10 years to obtain a mine permit in the U.S. In countries with similar environmental standards like Australia and Canada, it typically takes less than three years. The length of our mine permitting process not only hurts our economy, but the security of our nation.

A new [poll](#) from Morning Consult shows that 63 percent of Americans support action to encourage the use of domestically-mined minerals to decrease our military's reliance on foreign-imported minerals. It's time for our decisionmakers to listen to American voters and work towards policy changes that will support U.S. mining for our defense, and the prosperity of our country as a whole.

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Thank you,

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