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Dear Joe,

Last month, President Trump signed an executive order encouraging a preference for American-made products and materials, “including iron, steel, and manufactured goods.” This [“Buy American” executive order](#) is intended to bolster U.S. infrastructure and manufacturing—and to reshore American jobs.

But to truly “Buy American,” we should also consider the minerals and metals that will rebuild our infrastructure and support U.S. manufacturing.

Currently, 43 percent of [copper demand](#) comes from the construction industry alone. Metals like gold and platinum are essential to manufacturing electronics and automobiles. Meanwhile, other minerals like kyanite, molybdenum and zinc are needed to help successfully revitalize our roads, bridges and railways.

If we hope to meet the growing demand for minerals—spurred by the administration’s \$1 trillion infrastructure plan—we must address [duplicative and burdensome regulations](#) that slow development and hamper U.S. minerals mining.

As Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) explains in a

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President Donald Trump plans to invest \$1 trillion in revitalizing U.S. infrastructure. Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) explains in his new op-ed that there’s only one problem—we need better access to U.S. minerals.

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[recent op-ed](#) in *The Hill*, Congress must first [act](#) to reform the mine permitting process if we expect timely access to the nation's mineral resources that help make this plan possible.

After hearing from mining industry leaders during a House hearing on the importance of U.S. sourced materials for infrastructure projects earlier this year, Rep. Gosar writes that "infrastructure won't be on time without American mines."

We are fortunate to have leaders who understand the critical role minerals mining plays in strengthening U.S. industries and who are driving legislation to modernize the outdated mine permitting process. But they need our help.

**TAKE ACTION**

Thank you,

Hal Quinn  
NMA President and CEO



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