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Dear Joe,

In a recent flurry of good news, residents in [Nevada](#), [Wyoming](#) and across the United States are turning to minerals mining projects as economic catalysts for creating jobs and battling the lingering effects of the recession.

However, such positive news stands in stark contrast to President Obama's budget proposal, in which he imposes punishing new taxes on U.S. mining operations that would make our nation less competitive than the rest of the world and put expansions of U.S. mining projects at risk. And as foreign suppliers have already shown their willingness to [withhold mineral shipments](#) as means of political pressure, the United States cannot afford to be in such a precarious position as to be fully dependent upon foreign cooperation and supply for the minerals we so desperately need.

Paired with the broken federal permitting system, the massive new taxes proposed in the budget would push the United States farther away from producing the critical minerals needed to drive American manufacturing forward, once again increasing our need for mineral imports and stunting economic growth. Read more about how the budget represents a set-back for our nation in my [latest post](#) in the National Journal Energy Experts Blog.

Our goal is to help strengthen America's economy through the pursuit of policies that enable domestic industries to grow and thrive. Policies that penalize domestic production will not put us on the pathway to a stronger future.

Help us continue to support economic growth by visiting the Minerals Make Life [blog](#), where you can learn more about the minerals policies shaping our nation.

Thank you for helping us advocate for a stronger tomorrow.

Regards,

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## ABOUT NMA

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.