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As the congressional recess draws to an end, policymakers are preparing to leave their home states and return to Washington. One pressing item on their agenda is a legislative package, introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) that focuses on reforming our national energy policies.


A critical component of this energy package is a bill aimed at addressing the federal permitting process for U.S. minerals mines. As I noted in an op-ed published by *Morning Consult*, mine permitting reform is essential to the energy industry, which relies heavily on minerals and metals found right here in the U.S.

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Minerals like copper, silver and nickel are essential components of conventional and emerging **energy technologies**. Unfortunately, the U.S. fails to capitalize on its enviable reserves of these minerals to more fully supply our domestic manufacturing and energy industries. This is due to a duplicative permitting process that can take up to 10 years to grant permits for mining projects. Demand for energy technologies is climbing, which makes permitting

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Take action to support Sen. Murkowski's (R-Alaska) legislation



"Our energy renaissance has taken us from a position of energy scarcity to one of energy abundance, but current law rarely reflects that fact... We have assembled a robust bill with priorities from many senators that will promote our **economic growth, national security** and **global competitiveness**."

—SEN. LISA MURKOWSKI (R—Alaska)

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*Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) proposed a comprehensive energy bill that will promote U.S. global competitiveness by removing inefficiencies and duplication from the mine permitting process. **Take action to support her bill.***

*NMA's Hal Quinn in Alaska Dispatch News:
"Murkowski's energy bill should ease way
for U.S. mining"*

reform all the more important. For instance, global [sales of hybrid cars](#) are expected to increase from 2.2 percent of sales in 2010 to 7.7 percent by 2020.

From the copper mines in Arizona to the silver mines in Nevada to the platinum mines in Montana, the resources required to make the U.S. [a global leader in the energy industry](#) can be found within our own borders. In fact, recent estimates indicate that the U.S. has **\$6.2 trillion** worth of minerals and metals in reserves.

Also promising, as highlighted in my recent op-ed in the [Reno Gazette-Journal](#), is that similar legislation is under consideration in the House.

Before they leave your district, [ask your legislators](#) to support reforms that will allow the U.S. to harness its own resources to the benefit of its industries, workforce and economy.

As stakeholders in the mining industry, all of our voices should be heard. **Be sure to share this information with your peers on Facebook ([click here](#)) and Twitter ([click here](#)).**

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
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NMA CEO and President Hal Quinn commends Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) for including her proposed minerals bill in the Senate's energy package. [Read more here.](#)



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