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Dear Joe,

In Tuesday night's State of the Union address, President Obama emphasized his desire to support working families, create better jobs and bring home American industries. One way to do that is by supporting the U.S. minerals mining industry through policy reform, which will open access to our nation's vast mineral reserve worth **\$6.2 trillion**. By creating high-paying jobs and providing the raw materials essential to manufacturing, minerals mining helps stimulate economic recovery and job growth. Current permitting delays that can last a decade or longer are hindering the nation's ability to access our resources and job-creation opportunities.

Fortunately, the outcome of the 2014 midterm elections set the stage for a bipartisan movement toward mining policy reform. Most notably, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), a prominent **supporter** of U.S. mining and permitting legislation reform, was named chair of the **Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee**, which oversees domestic mining policy, as well as the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, which oversees the Department of Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service. While the House of Representatives passed Rep. Mark Amodei's (R-Nev.) "**National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production**

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DEMAND FOR U.S. MINERALS AND METALS

Manufacturers are increasingly concerned with minerals and metals supply

A large majority of U.S. manufacturing executives are concerned about the issue of minerals and metals supply

Supply concerns



Most believe minerals and metals demand will only increase over the next 5-10 years

*U.S. manufacturers are concerned about the stability of their mineral and metal supply chains. Check out this **infographic** that explains why most manufacturers believe streamlined access to our domestic supply is the solution.*

Make Policy More Efficient

Act of 2013” in September 2013, the Senate, under its new leadership, can now take meaningful action to rework the outdated regulatory process and advance policies that benefit the American economy.

As the **U.S. manufacturing sector expands**, requiring a greater supply of raw materials, legislation should allow for better access and exploration of U.S. mineral resources. We remain encouraged by the growing recognition among policymakers, industry leaders and security experts that there is a critical need for policy reform to support a strong and stable supply of domestic minerals.

As we kick off 2015, I invite you to visit our **Minerals Make Life** page for resources and timely updates on critical minerals legislation and the importance of minerals to American industry.

Best,

Hal Quinn

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Minerals are vital to manufacturing the products and technologies that make U.S. companies world leaders in innovation, propel our economy and enable U.S. industries to compete globally. The growing global population and the development of new technologies and products that rely on greater combinations of minerals have increased the manufacturing industry's demand for raw materials.

About the survey:
To explore the importance of minerals to the U.S. manufacturing industry and protect U.S. competitiveness, the National Mining Association (NMA) commissioned Envision. Envision conducted a survey of more than 100 senior executives in the manufacturing industry. All executives provided their feedback on their companies' mining chain operations.

Minerals and metals are critical to high-tech products like computers and electric vehicles.

U.S. Minerals and Metals Supply
The issue of minerals and metals supply is a growing concern among U.S. businesses, as U.S. manufacturers currently rely on foreign countries for more than half of the minerals and metals they use. Without a stable domestic supply chain, their access to critical and strategic minerals and metals is susceptible to disruption.

More than 90 percent of executives are concerned about supply disruptions outside of their control, citing geopolitics and increasing global demand as the most pressing factors. Most executives surveyed also believe minerals and metals demand will only increase in the next five to 10 years. Without access to minerals and metals, the items we depend on every day—ranging from medical devices and transportation to communication, energy and even national defense—would cease to exist.

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Our recent survey of manufacturing executives further confirmed the need for legislation that enables a more predictable and efficient permitting process to feed the manufacturing supply chain. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the survey results.

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