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Joe—

In August, your lawmakers will travel home to your district for a month-long recess from Congress. It's a chance for them to listen and reconnect with their communities, and it's **an optimal time for you to send them a letter, call their office or set up a meeting to talk** about two pieces of mining legislation pending in the House and Senate: H.R. 1937, the **“National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015”** and S. 883, the **“American Mineral Security Act of 2015,”** respectively. **Congress needs to know that reforming the permitting process for U.S. mines will create job opportunities and economic growth in your community.**

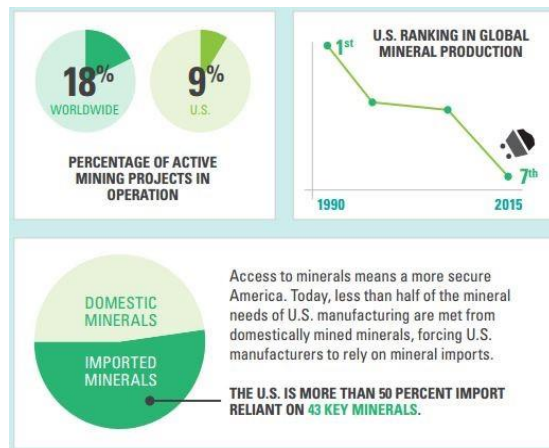
SEND A LETTER NOW 

Mining directly supports 1.2 million jobs across the U.S. and indirectly supports jobs in many other industries, including the U.S. **manufacturing, defense, energy, medical and automotive** sectors.

But one obstacle continues to threaten the health of the mining sector: red tape.

DID YOU KNOW?

Infographic: How Permitting Delays Impact U.S. Competitiveness



*The U.S. is falling behind. We used to be first in global mineral production. Today, we're 7th. Inefficient and protracted mine permitting delays have put the U.S. at a serious competitive disadvantage. **This infographic shows why that's bad for our economy.***

The Hill: Analysis of “Permitting, Economic Value and Mining in the United States” Study

In this [animated video](#), Mark Fellows, director of consulting at SNL Metals & Mining, explains how protracted mine permitting delays deter investment in new mines, cost communities jobs and make it difficult for U.S. manufacturers to access the materials they need. Fellows offers his support to a legislative solution that addresses regulatory delays and inefficiencies in the mine permitting process.



While your lawmakers are home, ask them to help ensure our public policies are making the most of our wealth of mineral resources. **Get started today by sending a letter to your local congressman.**

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
NMA President and CEO

New study quantifies how much mine permit delays can discourage investment

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NMA CEO and President Hal Quinn spells out the implications of a new study measuring the economic costs of mine permitting delays in [The Hill](#). [Read it here.](#)



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