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Dear Joe,

Two weeks ago, I testified before members of the House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee in support of Rep. Mark Amodei's, R-Nev., [National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012](#) (H.R. 4402). I cautioned that if U.S. mining cannot perform to its potential, our nation will be forced to become even more reliant upon potentially unstable foreign sources of minerals, undermining our ability to compete in the global marketplace.

If you missed it, you can watch my testimony [here](#):



A [2012 KPMG report](#) predicts that in 2030, 83 billion tons of minerals, metals and biomass will be extracted from the earth—55 percent more than in 2010. Over the next 20 years, demand for material resources will soar while supplies will become increasingly difficult to obtain. Already, we've seen steep competition from countries like China in the global race for minerals.

But our nation has an opportunity to be a leader in minerals production. Thanks to Rep. Amodei, H.R. 4402 aims to update a lengthy and complex mine permitting process and give U.S. miners better access to some of the \$6.2 trillion worth of key minerals available domestically.

Please visit our [blog](#) for updates on H.R. 4402 as it moves through the House Committee on Natural Resources tomorrow and then heads to the House floor. We hope to count on you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

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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.

