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Dear Joe,

Congressman Mark Amodei of Nevada introduced last week a landmark bill that would address the length, complexity and uncertainty of the mining permitting process—the primary reasons investors give for not investing in U.S. minerals mining.

At 3 p.m. today, I will [testify](#) before the House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee in support of that legislation: the [National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012](#) (H.R. 4402).

Click the screen shot below to watch the hearing live via the committee website



Permitting delays are the highest hurdle facing increased investment in U.S. minerals development. Passage of this bill would allow the United States to increase its production of critical materials and lend a much-needed hand to industries across the economy.

Please visit our [blog](#) for updates on H.R. 4402 over the coming days and weeks. I will keep you updated directly, as well, as this crucial legislation makes its way through Congress.

Warm regards,

Hal Quinn  
President and CEO  
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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.

