



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Dear Joe,

Every September our country formally celebrates the hard work of the American people. Reflecting on this Labor Day, I'm grateful for the men and women who make up the mining industry, whose hard work and dedication provide the cornerstones of our economy.

Consider for a moment how mining impacts our way of life, producing the raw materials that make nearly every product or service we rely on possible. Last year alone, U.S. minerals miners produced raw materials valued at an estimated [\\$82.2 billion](#). These raw materials were then used to produce resources like aluminum, copper and steel that were worth \$766 billion. Our vital industries – like tech, healthcare and infrastructure – used these resources to contribute an additional \$3.02 trillion to our economy (almost a fifth of our GDP).

Mining is also a powerful job creator. It supports more than 1.1 million American jobs, bolstering our national economy and supporting our local communities. These high-paying jobs support American families and the communities in which they live. In fact, metal mining is one of highest-paying private sector jobs with an average annual salary of \$94,000.

CREATING TRADITIONAL & EMERGING CAREERS

Every metals mining job creates 3.5 additional jobs



America's miners make it possible.

Miners are the backbone of our nation, providing us with the resources essential to our everyday lives. I would encourage all of us to thank our mining community by taking actions to support this essential industry.

Today, minerals mining is encumbered by redundant policies and regulations that delay or altogether stop new projects. Despite an abundance of domestic resources, our growing demand for minerals and metals is increasingly being met by imports. It's past time we bring commonsense regulatory reform to mining and encourage increased production, investment and job growth here at home.

This year, thank a miner for his or her hard work by [reminding your policymakers](#) of why America needs a strong mining industry.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn

NMA President and CEO

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