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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Today is National Miners Day. Take a moment to thank the hardworking men and women who deliver the materials that power our economy, homes and technology.
- The U.S. mining industry is ready and capable of delivering the minerals our nation needs under leading environmental and safety standards.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

**DECEMBER 6, 2023**

Dear Joe,

December is a month when many celebrate holiday traditions with their families and friends. For me, it's also a month I pause to thank the hundreds of thousands of men and women who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our nation has the minerals necessary to support our economy and defend our country. U.S. miners are rarely in the spotlight but without them, holiday celebrations wouldn't be as bright or merry given the wide range of technologies and consumer goods they make possible.

As we close out 2023, I hope to see more promising domestic mining projects move forward so that U.S. miners will be allowed to help our nation secure the mineral supply chains essential to our economy. America has become dangerously dependent on foreign minerals and, despite a lot of talk, little has been done in the way of tangible action to address that dependence.

The Biden administration has produced studies and launched working groups and councils but most of its efforts have been focused on investments overseas with our allies and even nations with questionable reputations for labor and environmental standards. It's time to allow America's miners to prove their

mettle.

The U.S. is blessed with astounding reserves of minerals and metals, and our miners operate under world-leading environmental and labor standards. They're ready, given the opportunity, to deliver the minerals necessary to our economy and the advanced energy technologies that will help power our future.

Thank you,

Rich Nolan

NMA President and CEO

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