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Dear Member of Congress:

The National Mining Association (NMA) supports the bipartisan and bicameral efforts of House and Senate leadership to include within the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) mineral and energy provisions that will grow our economy, create jobs and secure our national defense.

These key provisions create a path forward for the responsible development of new energy and mineral resources needed to sustain the growth of all sectors of our economy. Secure and reliable supply chains of minerals and energy keep our domestic manufacturing, technology and defense industries competitive and strong.

Many of the provisions included in the package have a long history of bipartisan agreement in both the House and Senate and have received a significant amount of public review. Through these efforts, legislators have been able to craft a legislative product that will create thousands of high-wage jobs, many of which are in rural areas seeking economic opportunities. Moreover, development of these resources is expected to generate as much as \$20 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenues. Finally, this package adds support for the underlying bill which will provide our men and women in uniform the resources they need to successfully execute their mission to protect our nation.

I urge your support for the mineral provisions and final passage of the NDAA.

Sincerely,

Hal Quinn
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