



June 25, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

As manufacturers, researchers, consumers, and developers of goods and services that rely upon critical minerals, we write to express our appreciation for progress made on critical minerals legislation, to encourage further advancement, and to offer our support for any related efforts. Our organizations represent nearly every sector of the American economy, including defense, energy, transportation, infrastructure, agriculture, technology, academia, electronics, finance, and medicine.

From exploration to recycling, we are active in the supply chains for nearly every commodity. As a result, we have a unique perspective on the public policies needed for reliable, affordable, and secure sources of raw materials. Updating our geologic data, reducing delays in permitting, bolstering research, and encouraging efficient use can pay dividends for future generations. An opportunity exists to advance these objectives in a bipartisan manner, which would allow the United States to leverage its world-class mineral reserves and reduce our reliance on foreign countries for over half the available supplies of 40 different mineral commodities.

Greater domestic production of critical minerals can bolster our national and economic security, and create jobs. A more robust supply of these raw materials would make the United States – already an attractive market for business – an even more advantageous place for investment going forward. This production can and should be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with our nation's environmental regulations.

Now is an opportune moment to advance policies that benefit vast swaths of the American economy and enjoy broad support. A great deal of time and effort has been devoted to the advancement of critical minerals legislation, a strong record has been built reflecting the urgency of this challenge, and the time has come to take next steps. We remain hopeful that critical minerals legislation can be signed into law soon and stand ready to help make it happen.

Sincerely,

**Alaska Support Industry Alliance**



**American Chemical Society**



**American Elements**



**American Geosciences Institute**



**Arizona Technology Council**



Associated Equipment Distributors



The Auto Alliance



CalPortland



Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry



DOW Chemical



Electron Energy Corp



The Fertilizer Institute

FMC Corporation



Geological Society of America



Industrial Minerals Association - North America

Infinium



Information Technology Industry Council



Johnson Controls

Materials Research Society



The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society



National Electrical Manufacturers Association



National Industrial Sand Association



National Sand, Stone and Gravel Association

National Venture Capital Association



Rio Grande Foundation



Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration

Strategic Materials Advisory Council



Thomas & Skinner



Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce



U.S. Magnetic Materials Association

Utah Manufacturers Association

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

