



**POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES OF THE NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION**  
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October 6, 2020

Dear Friend of MINEPAC and COALPAC,

We are now 28 days away from the November election. In less than a month, voters will cast their ballots and determine who takes control of the White House and Congress. It is unclear how this year's events will influence the election, but we will soon find out if Republicans can maintain majority control of the Senate and White House or if Democrats will achieve a blue wave.

Political campaigning in 2020 may look different than in past elections, but MINEPAC and COALPAC have remained focused on educating and electing pro-mining candidates to Congress. This election cycle we have contributed \$251,000 to key races and raised \$352,000 for candidates at NMA hosted fundraisers for a combined impact of \$593,000.

Your help in the past has allowed MINEPAC and COALPAC to achieve incredible success but ensuring our industry priorities are heard this November left our PAC resources greatly depleted. Please consider contributing so we can continue the momentum this year and into 2021 and 2022. To make a contribution, we ask that you:

1. If not already completed, sign the prior-authorization approval form and email back a scanned copy.
2. Complete the "2020 Contribution" form and email back a scanned copy.

Also included in this packet, please find recommended contribution levels and an FAQ.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at [RJackson@nma.org](mailto:RJackson@nma.org) 202-463-2625 or Linnea Melbye at [LMelbye@nma.org](mailto:LMelbye@nma.org) 202-463-2644.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution and continued support of MINEPAC and COALPAC!

Sincerely,

Ryan Jackson  
MINEPAC & COALPAC Treasurer  
Senior Vice President, Government & Political Affairs



Please return to:  
**National Mining Association**  
**101 Constitution Avenue, NW**  
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**Washington, DC 20001**  
**Or Scan and email to [LMelbye@nma.org](mailto:LMelbye@nma.org)**

## NMA PAC AUTHORIZATION FORM

I approve the solicitation of financial contributions for NMA's political action committees from myself and/or other representatives of my company that I may designate for the calendar years listed below. This authorization may be rescinded at any time. I understand that, in any calendar year, authorization may be given to only one federal PAC affiliated with a national trade association.

- 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ (authorizing signature)
- 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ (authorizing signature)
- 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ (authorizing signature)
- 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ (authorizing signature)

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please add the name and email of my representative:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**to your list for distribution of NMA PAC-related mailings and materials.**

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Corporate contributions are prohibited by federal law. Contributions to MINEPAC and/or COALPAC are for political purposes. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents can contribute to federal PACs. Participation is strictly voluntary. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contributions to MINEPAC and/or COALPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.



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## 2020 Contribution

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Yes, I want to help strengthen the mining industry's voice in Washington. Here is my  
2020 contribution to MINEPAC and COALPAC. (circle selection)***

\$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

a) **Enclosed is my personal check of \$** \_\_\_\_\_

b) **Please charge my personal credit card:** \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX  
(Federal law does not allow use of corporate credit cards)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name As On Card \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# VOLUNTARY MINIMUM ANNUAL COMPANY GUIDELINES FOR NMA MEMBER PARTICIATION IN **COALPAC AND MINEPAC**

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## VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR COAL AND MINERALS PRODUCING MEMBER OF NMA

ANNUAL PRODUCER DUES TO NMA	SUGGESTED <u>MINIMUM</u> ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAC OF YOUR CHOICE
\$500,000 or more	>\$12,500
\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$12,500
\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$10,000
\$20,000 to \$99,999	\$7,500
\$6,000 to \$19,000	\$5,000

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## VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE MEMBERS OF NMA

ANNUAL NON-PRODUCER COMPANY DUES TO NMA	SUGGESTED <u>MINIMUM</u> ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO ONE PAC OR SPLIT BETWEEN PACs
\$30,000 or more	\$7,500
\$15,000 to \$29,999	\$5,000
\$5,000 to \$14,999	\$4,000
\$2,000 to \$4,999	\$3,000

Amounts shown are suggested "fair share" minimum aggregate contributions from legal sources within a company. Corporate contributions to federal PACs are prohibited by federal law. Contributions to COALPAC and MINEPAC are for political purposes. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents can contribute to federal PACs. Participation is strictly voluntary and the above guidelines are only suggestions; more or less can be contributed if you choose to participate, and you may refuse to contribute. Contributions to NMA's PACs are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.



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## **Q. What is MINEPAC and COALPAC?**

**A.** MINEPAC and COALPAC are legal nonprofit organizations of National Mining Association members and employees established for the purpose of soliciting, collecting and disbursing political contributions as a means to support the election of pro-mining candidates to federal elective office. All contributions are voluntary, and no individual will ever face reprisal or retribution for not participating in MINEPAC or COALPAC.

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## **Q. What is a political action committee?**

**A.** A political action committee is essentially a bank account that gives businesses, trade and professional associations and labor organizations a way to pool the resources of their members and employees to support candidates for federal elective office. Political action committees were authorized by federal law in the 1970s and virtually all trade, professional and labor organizations have now created political action committees.

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## **Q. Why does the National Mining Association need MINEPAC and COALPAC?**

**A.** The mining industry needs MINEPAC and COALPAC to compete with powerful interest groups and other organizations that contribute millions of dollars annually to help elect candidates who support harmful regulation of the mining industry and laws that restrict the growth of the mining industry.

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## **Q. Why doesn't the National Mining Association just use its own money to make political contributions?**

**A.** Federal election law prohibits corporate contributions to candidates for the U.S. Senate and House. In addition, the National Mining Association cannot use membership dues or other association revenues to financially support candidates.

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## **Q. What kind of contributions can MINEPAC and COALPAC accept?**

**A.** By law, PACs can accept only personal contributions by eligible individuals to provide financial support to candidates for U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. In addition MINEPAC and COALPAC can accept contribution from other Political Action Committees.

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## **Q. Why is MINEPAC and COALPAC important to me?**

**A.** By opting in to learn more about MINEPAC and COALPAC, you can ensure that the National Mining Association is able to help elect candidates who support the mining industry and are committed to removing barriers to growth. Our PACs help grow the mining industry's allies and supporters on Capitol Hill by building relationships with pro-industry candidates, enhancing the visibility of the coal industry on Capitol Hill, promoting awareness of the key industry issues and educating Congress about the critical role of mining to the U.S. economy.

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## **Q. Why should I contribute to a PAC instead of giving to the candidate(s) of my choice?**

**A.** Engaging in political activities is vital to the entire mining community. As National Mining Association grows, so does our commitment to ensuring we have a strong and unified voice in Washington. Contributing to a PAC helps leverage the collective resources of hundreds of your colleagues to support our industry's top champions in districts out of your company's footprint.

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## **Q. How much of the contributions are used on overhead?**

**A.** While the National Mining Association cannot legally contribute to candidates, it is allowed to provide the administrative support required to establish and operate a political action committee of its own. Absolutely 100% of contributions to MINEPAC and COALPAC are used for political contributions to coal-friendly candidates.

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**Q. How much can I contribute to a PAC?**

A. Federal law permits individuals to contribute up to \$5,000 to a PAC each calendar year. Other corporate and association PACs may also contribute a maximum of \$5,000 to a PAC each calendar year. Your contribution can be split between Coal and Mine PAC.

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**Q. Is a PAC contribution deductible on my personal income tax return?**

A. No, PAC contributions are not tax deductible as they are considered political contributions.

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**Q. How often can I make contributions?**

A. You may contribute as often as you wish, as long as the sum of your contributions does not exceed the \$5,000 limit during any calendar year.

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**Q. What kind of candidates does MINEPAC and COALPAC support?**

A. The National Mining Association and MINEPAC/COALPAC support federal candidates who embrace the mining industry as an economic generator and actively support policy to remove barriers to growth within the industry.

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**Q. Who decides which candidates to support?**

A. MINEPAC and COALPAC staff, in consultation with the PAC steering committee, collectively make the selection of candidates that the PAC supports. MINEPAC and COALPAC donors are invited to suggest candidates for consideration.

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**Q. I still have questions, who can I contact?**

A. For more information, please contact Linnea Melbye at 202.463.2644 or [LMelbye@nma.org](mailto:LMelbye@nma.org).

For information about federal election laws, please go to the Federal Election Commission Web site at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).