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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The [One, Big, Beautiful Bill is now law](#) and with it comes an increased need for strong domestic supply chains.
- China continues to use its [grip on the world's mineral supply chains](#)—and its willingness to abruptly stop flows to the rest of the world—as leverage in international trade discussions.
- U.S. mineral producers stand ready to bolster our nation's economic and national security with secure minerals sourced right here at home.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

July 16, 2025

Dear Lucia,

On July 4th, [President Trump signed the One, Big, Beautiful Bill into law](#), marking a significant step forward for America's economy. The bill combines tax cuts with investments in American business and national security. By supercharging the economy and investments in infrastructure, the

administration is also doubling down on the importance of our domestic minerals supply chains.

With almost \$100B allocated towards military development, mineral production takes center stage in realizing the full impact of these investments. Essential military components like jet engines, drones and radar rely heavily on minerals. For example, a modern fighter jet requires 920 pounds of rare earth elements for its electronic warfare systems, radar and engines.

Yet, in April, [China suspended exports of seven rare earth elements](#) – including scandium, yttrium, and samarium – which are vital to a wide array of military assets. Because China produces the majority of these elements, which are necessary for America's national security, our over-reliance on Chinese imports has reached a critical impasse.

Fortunately, with abundant resources beneath our feet, American mineral producers are our first line of defense against these restrictions and play a vital role in providing materials for the OBBB's military investments. Last week, I joined administration officials at the ribbon cutting for [Ramaco's Brook Mine](#) carbon ore rare earth project. In Arizona, [Resolution Copper](#) is increasing its operations, potentially producing 40 billion pounds of copper over the next 40 years. And in central Minnesota, [Talon Metals](#) is poised to deliver millions of tons of high-grade nickel, copper and cobalt.

Across the country, National Mining Association members are stepping up to secure domestic mineral supplies – strengthening our military, economy and the communities they call home.

Thank you,

[Rich Nolan](#)

National Mining Association (NMA)

President and CEO



NEWS SPOTLIGHT



Minerals Make Life Blog — 7/11/25

[One Big Beautiful Bill Raises Stakes for U.S. Mineral Production](#)

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” (OB BB) into law, ushering in major reforms to America’s tax code, immigration policy and national security strategy. As adversaries like China threaten the U.S. economy by restricting and suspending critical mineral exports, building a diverse and resilient domestic minerals production base is now a top priority. This landmark legislation channels billions into military spending, bolstering America’s defense capabilities and investing in next-generation technologies.

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The New York Times — 6/9/25

[China’s Chokehold on This Obscure Mineral Threatens the West’s Militaries](#)

China’s strict controls on the export of heat-resistant magnets made with rare earth minerals have exposed a major vulnerability in the U.S. military supply chain.

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The Phoenix Business Journal — 6/25/25

[My View: Why Resolution Copper mine is a 'game changer' for town of Superior](#)

In the town of Superior, we know mining. It's part of our past, and if done right, it can be a powerful part of our future. As the Resolution Copper project moves forward, our community is thinking not just about the mine itself, but about the new generation of jobs, businesses, and opportunities it could bring to this region.

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