

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President,

We write to thank you for your continued work to put America first and protect our country. We appreciate your efforts to increase American mineral production to create jobs and enhance national security by significantly reducing our reliance on foreign nations, including our adversaries. To help achieve these outcomes we urge you to aggressively counter unfair trading practices and dumping of critical minerals in the global market.

Montana is home to an abundance of critical minerals, notably in the Stillwater mining district. The Stillwater and East Boulder Mines, owned and operated by Sibanye-Stillwater, produce Platinum Group Metals and are the only primary producer of platinum and palladium in the United States. The company is also one of the largest global recyclers of platinum, palladium, and rhodium and both the mined and recycled metals are fully refined in the United States.

These mines are vital to the local economy, providing over a thousand high paying jobs while strengthening America's national security interests. Unfortunately, the prior administration refused to take action on Russia's illegal dumping of palladium that has resulted in the price of palladium to plummet and continued to allow the unrestricted import of these critical minerals from Russia. As a result, over 600 Montana miners mining and metals processing workers were laid off at the Stillwater mine and the U.S. is now more dependent of foreign sources of platinum and palladium. To help address this we introduced the bipartisan bill, S. 808 *Stop Russian Market Manipulation Act*, to ban the import of critical minerals from Russia including platinum, palladium, and copper to ensure that our American mines are put first. However, we believe that you can take action now to support jobs and domestic mining and refining.

To strengthen our domestic supply chain, protect our national security, support American markets, and put our mining and processing workers back to work, we respectfully urge you to address unfair Russian trade practices and illegal dumping by taking any necessary and appropriate actions. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your continued support of Montana and American workers.

Sincerely,



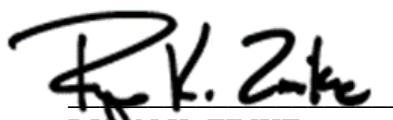
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