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Craft a policy that is good for the U.S.

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On March 11, I read an ad from the National Mining Association that highlighted its goals for reform of the mining law that is under way in the U.S. Senate.

One goal caught my attention: The association supports updates to the mining law that "Keep U.S. mining competitive and provide a secure source of minerals to meet our needs -- not make us more dependent on foreign suppliers." It would be my sincere hope that our elected leaders would not make the same mistakes with our mining policy that they have with our energy policy.

We have an energy policy that moves jobs overseas and makes us vulnerable to the whims of foreign governments, sometimes hostile regimes. I would hope that we don't eliminate good-paying mining jobs and increase our reliance on foreign minerals, which will negatively impact our national and economic security and have the same disastrous consequences we have seen with our energy policy.

I hope your readers will join me as I support Nevada's Sens. Harry Reid and John Ensign's hard work, and make sure we do not repeat the mistakes of the past and we craft a mining policy that is good for Nevada and the country.

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