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## **Letter: An 8% royalty would harm stable industry**

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I recently read the article entitled "Ensign says mining royalties bill DOA" [RGJ, Dec. 21]. I, like many Nevadans, was appalled to hear that the U.S. House of Representatives had approved an 8 percent royalty on new mining operations. A prosperous and stable domestic mining industry is good for Nevada and good for the country. It is good for local economies and our national security.

As the article points out, mining jobs are stable and well-paying, helping to keep our rural economies robust and growing. I personally thank Sen. Ensign for understanding how important our state's second largest industry is to all of us and urge your readers to do the same.

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