AJR1, SJR1, and AJR2 Threaten the Future of Nevada’s Mining Industry

These Resolutions Could Eliminate High-Paying Jobs for Women

NEVADA MINING IS CRUCIAL TO THE STATE’S ECONOMY

- Nevada mines employ about 1,000 women as mine managers, engineers, geologists, metallurgists, equipment operators, underground miners, lawyers, environmental specialists, land professionals, and administrative and support personnel.

- These jobs offer the highest average salary in the state, promising careers, and provide women and their families with health insurance, retirement plans, and many other benefits.

- Other high-paying jobs and career opportunities do not exist in the rural counties where most mines are located.

- The joint resolutions enacted in the August 2020 Special Session to change the mining taxation provisions in Nevada’s Constitution will eliminate many of these high-paying jobs.

In 2019, 100 active Nevada mines made important economic contributions to the State including:

- Employed 28,463 Nevadans
- Paid $2.4 billion in wages and salaries
- Supported $6.1 billion in GDP
- Generated $11.2 billion in total economic output
- Paid $285.9 million in taxes including: Sales & Use Tax, Property Tax, Modified Business Tax, and Net Proceeds of Minerals Tax ($122.7 million)

ESSENTIAL USES FOR SOME OF NEVADA’S 20+ MINERALS

- **Gold**: Electrical and electronic consumer products, computer chips, medical equipment, aeronautical uses, communication systems, GPS, and satellite technology
- **Silver**: Electrical and electronic consumer products, solar panels, medical applications, batteries, bearings, communication systems, military applications, GPS
- **Copper**: Electrical wiring in homes and buildings, transportation equipment, electrical and electronic consumer products, electrical vehicles, solar panels, and computer chips
- **Molybdenum**: Stainless steel, super-alloy for high-strength and high-temperature steel for industrial and military applications
- **Lithium**: Lithium-ion batteries in electronic devices, electrical vehicles, and communication systems
- **Magnesia**: NV has the only U.S. magnesia mine. Used in livestock feed supplement, sewage treatment, Epsom salts, high-temperature furnace applications, concrete additive, environmental applications
- **Vanadium**: Storage batteries, vanadium steel alloys for gears, axles and crankshafts, titanium-aluminum-vanadium alloys for jet engines and high-speed aircraft, vanadium-gallium tape for superconducting magnets
- **Barite**: Drilling fluids, filters, paints, plastics, rubber, x-ray shields in hospitals, and nuclear power plants
- **Gypsum**: Wallboard and plaster products for homes and buildings, cement
- **Diatomite**: Cat litter, absorbent materials, soil conditioner, filters, lightweight aggregates, specialized pharmaceutical and biomedical uses, makeup, and art supplies
MINING SUPPORTS NEVADA’S ECONOMY, INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY, AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

- Nevada mines impact very little land, operating on roughly 0.25 percent (one-quarter of one percent) of Nevada’s 70 million acres.

- Nevada’s world-class environmental protection, reclamation, and financial assurance regulations for mining have been adopted by other states and countries across the globe.

- The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service co-manage over $3.1 billion in reclamation financial assurance to guarantee Nevada mines will be reclaimed when mining is completed.

About WMC
WMC is a grassroots organization with over 200 members nationwide. Our members work in all sectors of the mining industry including hardrock and industrial minerals, coal, energy generation, manufacturing, transportation, and service industries. We hold annual Washington, D.C. Fly-Ins to meet with members of Congress and their staff, and federal land management and regulatory agencies to discuss issues of importance to both the hardrock and coal mining sectors. For more information about WMC, please contact Emily Arthun at emily.arthun@wmc-usa.org or visit our website at: www.wmc-usa.org.