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Dear MMSA members –

I hope this note finds you healthy and well. As we all recognize, we are living in different times and our world as we knew it has likely changed. As a result, our industry is going to have new challenges in reaching out to the public and continuing to demonstrate our importance to society.

MMSA has sponsored the Women's Mining Coalition's Fly-in to Washington D.C. for many years. This is a great program that connects professionals in our industry directly with members of Congress and their staff. It gives us a chance to "put a real face" to our industry. Unfortunately, this year the Fly-in has been postponed. The WMC, however, has not be idle and they have been actively working at developing congressional communication to send to the hill advocating for the support of a strong domestic mining industry. In March they put together a Congressional Communication Committee to begin working on documents that will be sent to congressional offices.

I am attaching this first paper prepared about Copper and its public health benefits. I encourage you to take a look – this is a great tool for our industry to use in telling our story and how important we are to our society. I understand that since its release, over 100 congressional staff members have specifically requested this document!

As an industry, we cannot stand isolated or alone. For this reason, MMSA has reached out to the WMC to see how we might be able to support and collaborate on this incredible activity. The response from the WMC was that they could use help in gathering information to be used in their next papers. They are planning on preparing separate papers on gold and silver. They specifically requested the following:

- Fact sheets that have been developed by companies
- Information regarding the economic impact to the US
- Any other information that would be useful

Additionally, if you are interested in further helping with this effort in other ways, please let Emily Arthun of the WMC (Emily.arthun@gmail.com) and me (windwardconsultingllc@gmail.com) know. Please copy both of us so we can facilitate the coordination between the two organizations.

I think it is important to recognize those in WMC who have already spent time on this effort - Debbie Struhsacker, Cathy Suda, Laura Skaer and Shelley Bennett. Debbie and Laura are members of the MMSA as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any other ideas or thoughts on how MMSA can grow and become better!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Jacobsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "J".

Amy Jacobsen

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