



# International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers

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Dear Chair Mahoney and Ranking Member Gunther:

On behalf of Ironworkers Local Union #512, I write today in support of additional supplemental unemployment insurance benefits to workers impacted by the global mining slowdown.

Unlike other industries, some of whom are able to weather the current economic storm while others will be able to quickly resume operations when the pandemic is over, our mining industry will take many months to rebound. Recovery will not happen overnight and many of the impacted workers will face losing their unemployment insurance benefits.

Union ironworkers perform ongoing maintenance at the mines that is critical to their operations. Many skilled crafts, contractors, and suppliers depend upon this work to provide for their families and sustain their communities. On the Iron Range, the mines are the foundation of the middle class.

We ask you to support these workers and provide additional benefits to help them whether this storm.

Fraternally,

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