



Rep. Julie Sandstede
411 State Office Building
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St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Rep. Sandstede,

The Iron Mining Association of Minnesota represents the taconite mines throughout northeastern Minnesota and its 200 vendor and supplier businesses. This industry is the region's largest private employer, and despite the industry's designation as "essential", it has not been immune from the economic downturn created by the COVID-19 illness.

We are writing to express the Iron Mining Association support of the document titled "20-8919". During these unprecedented times, we appreciate your willingness to support our industry and its workforce, particularly the approximately 1800 miners across the iron range that have been laid off as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

It is our hope that your proposed legislation will help those workers laid off due to the pandemic and their families.

Sincerely,

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