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**Subject: IMA-NA Preliminary Input to MSHA on E.O. 13777**

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Dear Ms. McConnell:

The Industrial Minerals Association – North America (IMA-NA) is a trade association created to advance the interests of North American companies that extract and process industrial minerals used throughout the manufacturing and agricultural industries. North American industrial minerals play an integral role in fostering economic prosperity and the high standard of living that we enjoy. These comments are in response to the Mine Safety and Health Administration's (MSHA) request for recommendations on MSHA regulations to repeal, replace or modify pursuant to President Trump's Executive Order (E.O.) 13777, issued on February 24, 2017. IMA-NA's preliminary input to MSHA on E.O. 13777 is attached to this letter.

Thank you for taking time to consider these recommendations. IMA-NA would be pleased to meet with MSHA to explore these issues further.

Sincerely,

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President

Attachment: as stated