## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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## Dear Colleague:

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the bipartisan Congressional Copper Caucus. As co-chairs, we have sought to use this caucus to work together to advance policy positions and legislation that would be helpful to the domestic copper industry and to support the Members' and the public's awareness of the benefits of copper and copper alloys in their daily life.

Copper is ubiquitous in sectors that are essential to our daily lives. Copper products can be found in pipe, tube, rod, bar, sheet and strip; wire and cable; electronics including phones and computers; water service lines; and in many other applications. Copper is also a key contributor in renewables and energy efficiency, and both electric vehicles and charging stations are powered by copper. Copper is also 100% recyclable.

Given all these uses, it is not surprising that a recent report has forecast global demand for copper to double by 2035<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, maintaining and supporting a vibrant domestic copper industry is of great importance to the United States. For these reasons, we believe "Copper Is Critical" and are pushing to add copper to the official U.S. Critical Minerals list.

With over 40,000 employees in 30 states and 100 Congressional Districts, the domestic copper industry is a key national driver contributing to the economic success and national security of the United States.

To that end, we ask that you consider joining the Congressional Copper Caucus and help advocate for initiatives to support this critical industry. If you would like to join the Caucus or have any questions about it, please contact Mike Davin in Rep. Latta's office at <a href="mailto:mike.davin@mail.house.gov">mike.davin@mail.house.gov</a> or Patrick Lowman in Rep. Higgins' office at <a href="mailto:Patrick.Lowman@mail.house.gov">Patrick.Lowman@mail.house.gov</a>.

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