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The Honorable Penny Pritzker  
Secretary of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker:

We are writing to urge the Department of Commerce to fulfill its statutory requirements under Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and compile a list of all conflict minerals processing facilities.

Congress passed Section 1502 with the intent of thwarting the use of minerals as means of financing for rebel groups in the African Great Lakes Region. As you know, that law required the Department of Commerce to produce a list of conflict minerals processing smelters and refiners by January 2013. However, a recent Government Accountability Report concluded that the Department of Commerce "had not developed such a list or developed a plan of action, with associated time frames, for completing this requirement and reporting it to Congress."

The delay makes it harder for companies to comply with the law and results in uncertainty in the marketplace. This is particularly important for small and medium-sized businesses that don't have the resources to send teams to the Democratic Republic of Congo and its neighboring countries or join organizations that are focused on responsible sourcing of minerals.

We ask that the Department of Commerce issue the list of all conflict minerals processing facilities without further delay. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Edward R. Royce in blue ink.

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