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An Open Letter to Local Elected Officials on the Iron Range:

I have been traveling the state for months talking with voters about how we can revive our economy, create new jobs and eliminate government impediments so our job creators can tap into the entrepreneurial spirit that defines Minnesota.

Northeast Minnesota is on the cusp of creating thousands of new, high paying jobs and I am writing today as a candidate for governor to tell you I am absolutely committed to making that happen during my term as governor.

A potential rebirth of the Iron Range depends on three strategic metal deposits seeking permitting from our state and federal governments.

As governor, I will do everything in my power to see that PolyMet, Duluth Metals and Franconia get the permits they need to bring back much needed jobs to the range.

Of course, we will do so in an environmentally responsible way. But we will get it done.

I am appalled that it has taken five years to approve the PolyMet mine, and that one of my opponents said it could and should take two more years – to issue a simple permit. This project alone will bring 400 permanent jobs to the area in addition to thousands of temporary construction jobs.

My House colleague Rep. Tom Rukavina has said, “Whether you support this project or have concerns, no one will dispute that we need these metals.” He and I both support these projects.

Government is getting in the way instead of rolling out the red carpet.

I am committed to working with you as your governor to get these mines permitted in an environmentally responsible way, and I will start day one to make that happen.

I hope I can count on your support.

Sincerely,



Representative Tom Emmer
Republican Candidate for Governor of Minnesota