PLATINUM GROUP METALS:
GLOBALLY SOURCED, **ESSENTIAL FOR AMERICA**

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THE ESSENTIALITY OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS (PGMs)

PGMs are all around us, often invisible, but essential. Platinum helps cut toxic emissions from your car and palladium is likely in your smartphone or laptop. Iridium coats medical instruments, whilst Ruthenium is used in digital storage and industrial processes. They are also used in defense applications from aircraft engines to military vehicles.

DEFENSE
Aircraft engines, missile systems, infrared sensors & military vehicles.

AUTOMOTIVE
Catalytic converters for emissions control.

ENERGY
Electronics & semiconductors.

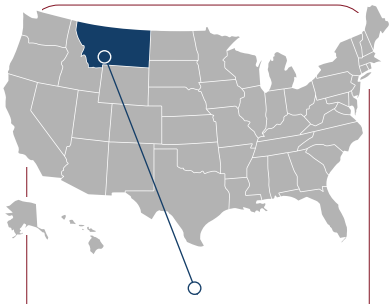
HEALTHCARE
Medical & dental technologies.

WHY DO PGMs MATTER FOR THE U.S.?

NATIONAL SECURITY
Critical inputs for defense & aerospace applications.

JOBS & MANUFACTURING
Central to automotive, chemical, and energy industries.

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
U.S. catalytic converter & recycling industries are global leaders.



The only primary PGM mine in the U.S is Sibanye-Sillwater in Montana, producing mainly palladium, and smaller amounts of platinum.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT CHALLENGE?

THE U.S CAN'T MINE WHAT IT DOESN'T HAVE
The U.S. needs strong partnerships with mining countries like South Africa who supply ~38% of imports.

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS MUST STAY OPEN
PGMs cross borders multiple times; tariffs would destabilize markets.

PRICE SENSITIVITY
Tariffs or quotas could spike costs, threatening U.S. manufacturing and recycling.

DOMESTIC SUPPLY CAN'T MEET GROWING DEMAND
Domestic mining and recycling meet less than 46% of U.S. demand.

WE ARE CALLING FOR U.S POLICY ACTION TO:

1. **Maintain tariff-free access** for PGMs and derivatives.
2. **Strengthen trusted trade partnerships** with suppliers like South Africa, Canada, UK, EU, Japan.
3. **Support domestic strengths** (recycling, refining, manufacturing) without distorting global flows.
4. **Ensure rules-based trade** to keep costs stable and protect U.S. jobs.

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