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SENATOR, DISTRICT 27

May 6, 2026

The Honorable Eric Schmitt
U.S. Senator, Missouri
404 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Schmitt –

I was recently provided a copy of the attached letter to Governor Kehoe from the Iron County Missouri County Commissioners concerning litigation somehow pending in St. Louis against Missouri based The Doe Run Company. The litigation involves a smelter in La Oroya, Peru that was operated by a Peruvian entity and regulated by the Peruvian Government. The smelter was operated for over 75 years without any emission controls before Doe Run's foreign subsidiary acquired the smelter. The area was widely regarded as one of the most polluted places in the world at the time of the acquisition, meaning before Doe Run's subsidiary acquired the smelter.

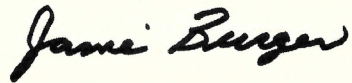
I will not repeat the concerns raised by the County Commissioners and ask you to read the letter for yourself. What prompted me to write is the story that last week in the St. Louis Magazine on May 1. Another story is expected in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch soon. Given the tone and timing of these stories are at the bidding of Jerry Schlichter, who hopes to earn millions for himself from this litigation. Purportedly representing over 1,000 Peruvian citizens for nearly 20 years, located thousands of miles away from Missouri, there is no way that Schlichter has been in contact or maintained contact with these clients or understands their wants or needs. Instead, this judicially sanctioned shakedown of a Missouri company will not only jeopardize the jobs of the 1,200 employees of Doe Run but, as the Commissioners' letter makes clear, an entire region of the State of Missouri.

You, the Commissioners, and I all represent the same constituents. However, you are the only one of us who can do something to demand (i) the State Department inform the

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (Judge Catherine Perry), where these suits are pending, that they must be removed to Peru, and (ii) the United States Trade Representative take immediate action to require Peru to take responsibility for these suits and provide a proper forum in Peru for Peruvian citizens who believe they were harmed in Peru. The first trial is set for June 23, so time is of the essence.

Please contact the Secretary of State and the United States Trade Representative as quickly as possible. Thank you for your assistance and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Burger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Jamie Burger
Missouri District 27

cc: The Hon Jason Smith and Jason Greer, United States Trade Representative

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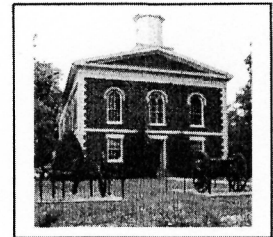
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April 16, 2026

The Honorable Mike Kehoe
Governor of Missouri
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RE: The Doe Run Company

Dear Governor Kehoe,

As the Presiding Commissioner for Iron County, I have a deep understanding of The Doe Run Company. Since it is one of the county's largest employers, I closely monitor its business operations and share concerns about the financial pressures it faces. The company's revenue has suffered from persistently low lead prices, while costs—like those for many local businesses—have stayed high following a period of significant inflation. Over time, Doe Run has made efforts to source more supplies locally, ensuring its spending benefits the community. Although we appreciated this initiative, challenging times mean that small businesses are now strained by delayed payments from Doe Run for goods and services. This situation is unpleasant for everyone involved, but we accept it, mindful of the ups and downs of business cycles.

Regional Concerns Regarding Litigation Against Doe Run

The consequences of certain litigation targeting Doe Run are intolerable and raise serious concerns for the entire region. This legal action threatens not only the company, but also the stability and future of our community. It is widely recognized that thousands of Peruvian citizens have filed lawsuits against Doe Run, alleging that residents of Missouri somehow caused harm to individuals living near a metallurgical facility operated by a Peruvian company and overseen by the Peruvian government. The implication of these lawsuits is troubling because they attempt to hold our community responsible for events that occurred under foreign management and regulations. These developments introduce uncertainty and anxiety for all who depend on Doe Run and highlight the far-reaching impact of such litigation on our local economy and collective well-being.

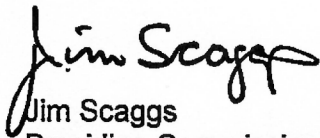
Although I have been aware of this case for quite some time, I am reaching out now because we recently discovered that the first trial will take place in June. We had expected rationality to prevail against the plaintiffs' attorneys' pursuit of profit; however, it seems that unless there is substantial government action, the attorneys will succeed.

Despite the ongoing business challenges faced by Doe Run, I am confident that their efforts to modernize recycling operations and introduce a hydrometallurgical facility will positively impact their prospects. Their success would contribute to regional stability. We maintain confidence in the region's capacity to supply critical minerals at the national level; however, I am concerned that the current litigation may impede any future growth opportunities.

Call for Appropriate Jurisdiction in Litigation

While I am uncertain what specific tools or avenues may be available to address this situation, I urge your support in ensuring that the ongoing litigation is transferred to Peru, where it rightfully belongs. The citizens of Peru who believe they have suffered harm should seek resolution in their own country, especially considering the circumstances: the alleged harm involves a Peruvian company, operating a metallurgical facility within Peru, under the regulation of the Peruvian government. It stands to reason that the most appropriate venue for resolving these concerns is Peru, not the State of Missouri. By advocating for this approach, we can help ensure that legal matters are handled in the proper jurisdiction, reflecting both fairness and respect for international boundaries.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Scaggs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Scaggs" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Scaggs
Presiding Commissioner
Iron County, Missouri