



**SAVE AMERICA'S  
WORKING VEHICLES**

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## Supporting Energy and Mining Workers with Affordable Working Vehicles

America's energy and mining industries rely on working vehicles like UTVs and ATVs every day. These vehicles are essential tools that keep energy jobsites operating, critical minerals flowing, and power grids running for families and businesses across our country.

When the costs of these working vehicles increase, the higher bills don't just squeeze frontline energy workers and projects. They create a drag on energy production that ripples through energy markets and infrastructure projects, ultimately harming everyday Americans who rely on affordable power.

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## Energy and Mining Operations are Facing New Pressures

Rising costs are already putting pressure on the energy and mining sectors, making it harder to produce energy economically and hold down prices for consumers. Allowing financial burdens on essential working vehicles will only compound these challenges.

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**Labor costs in mining operations are rising rapidly, with year-over-year increases of 6.4% for oil and gas, 12.6% for coal, and 10.9% for metal ore.**

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**70% of the nation's energy grid is over 25 years old. Aging infrastructure is increasing maintenance and replacement costs.**

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**Average U.S. retail electricity rates rose more than 5% in 2024–2025 and are tracking for a 7% increase this year.**

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**Energy consumption typically accounts for 15–40% of overall operational mining costs, meaning even modest rate increases translate directly into reduced margins and higher production expenses.**

## How Working Vehicles Are Used in Mining, Energy Production, and Maintenance

ATVs and UTVs are critical tools that enable safe and efficient operations across energy production, mining, and utility maintenance.

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### **Pipeline inspection and right-of-way patrol**

Crews use ATVs and UTVs to monitor pipeline corridors for leaks, erosion, vegetation changes, and unauthorized activity. These inspections are required under federal safety regulations and are essential for system integrity.

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### **Access to wellheads and remote energy sites**

Engineers and maintenance teams rely on these vehicles to reach isolated drilling sites and wellheads, navigating terrain such as rocky slopes, wetlands, and forested areas where standard vehicles cannot travel.

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### **Worker and equipment transport in mining operations**

ATVs serve as a primary mode of transportation across large surface mines and move personnel, tools, and emergency equipment efficiently between work zones.

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### **Electric grid and transmission line maintenance**

Utility crews depend on ATVs and UTVs to access transmission corridors, inspect infrastructure, and respond to storm damage in areas that are inaccessible to full-size vehicles.

# Tariffs Are Driving Up Equipment Costs

Tariffs were designed to protect American workers and strengthen domestic industry, but they can also raise the cost of the off-road vehicles that support energy and mining industries. Section 232 tariffs are increasing the costs of ATVs and UTVs:

**25%**

**UTVs face 25% tariffs on the full value of each vehicle.**

**15%**

**Following recent tariff revisions, ATVs containing imported steel are now facing 15% tariffs on the full value of each vehicle.**

## How to Support Energy and Mining Workers

To keep America's energy and mining sectors productive, competitive, and safe, policymakers must adopt targeted measures that protect access to these working vehicles and the workforce who

### Extend targeted tariff relief:

- President Trump's recent tariff revision helped alleviate some of the pressure, demonstrating a clear understanding of the burdens facing domestic production.
- The administration should ensure relief applies to all vehicles used for site access, maintenance, and crew transport, allowing operations to successfully hold down costs and keep power affordable for American families.

**U.S. energy and mining workers help power our homes and fuel our economy.**

**To maintain American energy dominance, we must tackle the unintended cost burdens on the working vehicles that help get the job done.**