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To: [DEP, MiningComments2016](#)
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September 13, 2016
Cynthia Bertocci

Dear Cynthia Bertocci,

Please forward these comments to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Dear Chairman Parker and members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

Please reject the latest version of Department of Environmental Protection's weak mining rules. I am distressed that for the third time it is being proposed to weaken the mining laws of this state. How many times do we have to defeat this? The proposal would allow mining corporations to pollute our water and scar the landscape and taxpayers would be left holding the bag-- having to pay to clean up the messes left behind by mining companies-- welfare for mining companies. What happened to responsibility?

The tourism industry is a critical part of Maine's economy, and becoming more so as time passes. Hotel owners, beds and breakfasts, shop owners, guides, fishermen, sporting camp owners, and other business owners all depend on Maine's clean water and abundant fish and wildlife. Mining pollution is the last thing we need.

Please, for the third time, and however many more times it takes reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

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