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Dear Members of The BEP,

I am writing this letter in concern to the proposed mining rules. I would advised against the new rules that you want to set because it is not only ruining Maine's environment, but also endangering the health of many people. The mining will contaminate the water and pollute the air. The effects of the mining go way beyond the environmental and physical concerns. Think of all the people that live in Maine.

They just lost their house, or their vacation spot. They just lost where they go to get some peace of mind. Not only that, but if the mines fail, which is more than likely with a big project like this, these people will now have to pay more taxes to try to fix the land, which could be completely avoided if the mining never happened. Maybe it's time to stop thinking about money and start thinking about the people.