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Dear Board of of Environmental protection of Maine,

I am writing because I am a concerned citizen regarding the mining laws in Maine, the laws don't favor the environment. They only favor the mining company and allow mining on and under Maine's spectacular Public Reserved Lands. It disgusts me that the state would consider this harmfulness to the environment. Allowing the most hazardous parts of a mine, that include waste rock piles and tailing ponds in floodplains and flood hazard areas should be a crime. This doesn't only harm the environment but also the people who live there. They will be forced to move if the conditions become horrible, which they will. It would be such a shame if such a beautiful state gets destroyed if this is passed. I urge you to change them so the state could preserve its beautiful environment.

- Mariya