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September 2, 2016  
Cynthia Bertocci

Dear Cynthia Bertocci,

Please deliver these comments to the BEP.

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

I urge you to reject the latest version of DEP's weak mining rules. These rules are not intended to protect Maine's increasingly threatened environment but to advance the ability of corporations from outside Maine to make money; and leave Maine taxpayers holding the bill to clean the mess, if it can be cleaned.

Maine's environment and economy are inextricably linked. Maine's rich outdoor heritage and natural scenic beauty are at the heart of our tourism industry, a critical part of our economy. Thousands of Maine people need our state's healthy environment to make their living and provide for their families. Guides, commercial fishermen, and sporting camp owners all depend on Maine's clean water and abundant fish and wildlife. Mining pollution would be a grave threat to these resources. I live in Rangeley and these rules would allow mining directly above the headwaters of the Magalloway River, one of the prime fishing areas in Western Maine.

We spent years cleaning up the damage to Maine's rivers from paper companies allowed to dump damaging pollution into them. Surely we have learned from this.

Please follow the lead of both the 126th and 127th Legislatures, and reject these rules.

Sincerely,

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