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September 1, 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 am writing you to ask that you reject the latest version of DEP's weak mining rules. These proposed rules would allow mining corporations to pollute our water and harm our woods and wildlife that would last for centuries. These rules would also make taxpayers responsible to pay for the cleanup of mining disasters.

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, and contribute to 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.

Weak mining rules are a wrongheaded way for Maine to go. Please follow the lead of both the 126th and 127th Legislatures, and reject these rules.

Sincerely, Jacquelyn Elliott

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