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Board of Environmental Protection;

For so many reasons that are critically important to Maine's water and its public lands; we are unalterably opposed to the risk of passage of the revised Mining Rules.

These rules, even in their revised form, simply do not provide adequate protection for our most important natural resources which are the essence of what makes Maine so valuable, unique and different from much of the rest of our country. If we risk the gradual decline of these resources, fishing and tourism will be adversely affected and our state will not be in a position to replace them. We need to build our economy in a way that adds, not subtracts, from the very biggest assets we have. We must not destroy our uniqueness; we must do everything humanly possible to augment and increase it.

Sincerely,

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