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I am very concerned about the proposed mining rules. My legislator voted for STRONG rules, BUT it appears that this did not happen?? WHY??

The new rules would allow mining on and under Maine's Public Reserved Lands. Why would we want to allow this?? UNACCEPTABLE!

They would allow tailings impoundments, the most dangerous type of mine waste disposal facility. These facilities often leak into vital water sources and poison land!!

Any mining disaster would be paid for by my tax \$\$\$!! ??? When the mining operation/company should be responsible and pay!! Something fishy here!

Allow even the most hazardous parts of mines—such as wasterock piles and tailings ponds—in floodplains and flood hazard areas. All too often in parts of Appalachia these kind of pools have leaked in drinking water!

These issues do NOT make for strong mining regulation, so WHY are they being suggested? WHO is getting the benefit? YOUR job is environmental protection, so do it!

Stand up for the people of Maine and our environment!

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