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To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned student and citizen about the controversial mining laws. I am very much concerned about the environment and us as human beings, our health and well being. If mining is allowed, this will bring harm to our land and water, which sustains us. Allowing tailing ponds and wasterock piles, will destroy our drinking water and the crisp blue water that everyone enjoys so dearly when they are hiking or kayaking. People go to Maine for the country feel and to be surrounded by nature. I know that I go there to get away from the busy traffic and busyness that plagues our society. This will no longer be the case when mining destroys the environment. Maine will lose their tourists and lose money from the tourist industry.

I hope to live another 90 plus years and with the approval of mining, this will no longer be a reality. This will cause pollution in every form including air and water, and this tacks years off of any persons life. Then, when the mining fails or things are not done properly, Maine taxpayers will have to pay for the damage done, but no amount of money will ever reverse what was done. The damage will be everlasting. I strongly oppose mining in Maine.

Thank you,

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