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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 urge you to reject the latest version of DEP's weak mining rules. I am very concerned that these weak rules would allow mining corporations to pollute our water and harm our woods and wildlife for centuries. They also would not protect taxpayers from having to pay for the cleanup of mining disasters.

I am willing to pay the true cost of the many products that rely on mining metals and our other natural resources. Resource extraction needs to be done in a way which minimizes deferred cleanup operations and the costs of those cleanups included in the cost of the products generated. Not by allowing environmental destruction and pollution to spread beyond the site or end up with taxpayers picking up the cleanup costs.

Let's not just shift the costs to our grandchildren.

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

Sincerely,

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