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Board of Environmental Protection

Re: Metallic Mining Rules/ Chapter 200

As a long time Maine resident and voter, formerly in Fryeburg and now in Rockland, and as an experienced educator and a grandmother, I am writing to express my grave concerns about the alarmingly toxic and long-term consequences of metallic mining.

The health threats posed by open pit mines, and their toxic residues in our land and water must be acknowledged and addressed. There must be blanket liability insurance to cover immediate medical effects of pollution as well as "occurrence insurance coverage" for years to come. Even though it seems to me that metallic mining cannot be justified or supported by responsible citizens, the rules must include medical liability insurance for pollution to cover the general population.

I would hope that attention would be devoted to strengthening air quality standards, thereby guarding against the harm that can be caused by mining and the particulate matter that it produces, as well as the toxic fallout from processes like smelting. Unless and until the members of the Board of Environmental Protection can write rules that will responsibly protect the health of current and future citizens from these dangers, metallic mining should not be allowed at all.

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Brennan-Crosby

Cc: Representative Pinny Beebe-Center