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September 1, 2016  
Cynthia Bertocci

Dear Cynthia Bertocci,

To the Maine Board of Environmental Protection,

It's difficult to believe that once again we're being asked to approve more weak mining rules. The people of Maine spoke loudly and clearly their thoughts about the inadvisability of open pit mining in Maine. Aren't we still paying to clean up the Callahan Mine in Brockville? Why would we want to take a chance on another mining calamity with so much riding on our clean environment? The Maine Brand is all about clean lakes and streams, outdoor recreation and beautiful vistas. That's why people come here!

And it's not like these are truly good-paying jobs with a real future. No, most mining jobs might last a decade, or until the price of whatever commodity they're mining falls. Or until the company mining decides to file for bankruptcy and skip town, a not infrequent occurrence. Why would we want to take the chance for very little of lasting value or little return??

Give us a break already! Let's get focused on some REAL economic development for a change!

Sincerely,

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