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Subject: Please do NOT allow the proposed mining & lax mining rules to proceed!
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Dear friends, I wish that I could attend the public hearing at he Augusta Civic Center next Thursday, but I will be traveling to Minnesota on 9/15 for a dear friends' wedding.

Why do we, as the citizens of Maine need to keep repeating our concerns over preventing the proposed mining that could actually do serious damage to the quality of treasured bodies of water, the aquatic species living in that water & the birds & animals in our region that could also be harmed by such shortsighted commercial activities??!!??!!

Maine's natural beauty, relative purity, and diverse wildlife constitute the greatest unique competitive & economic advantage that we have --& NEED. These aspects are deeply cherished by residents & visitors alike.

Instead of allowing the careless mining industries to keep trying to wear down the protective energies of our government & public, why don't you draft & place into effect some proactive, strong, protective policies that will deflect similar attempts to propose mining allowances in the future? Please let that kind of industry go to another state!!! Instead, please focus on better economic support for development of clean & progressive technology, for organic farming & for outstanding higher education, & for the arts in Maine! These are all ways for us to grow wonderfully without risking the very essence of Maine. In fact, grow in each of these sectors will enhance all that we & our visitors love about Maine!

With thanks for your careful consideration,
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