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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:

Please reject the latest weak mining rules from DEP. These weak rules could allow mining corporations to pollute our water and damage our forests and wildlife for centuries. They also fail to protect taxpayers from being liable to pay for the cleanup of mining disasters.

Maine's environment and economy are inextricably linked. Maine's rich outdoor heritage and natural scenic beauty are at the heart of our tourism industry, a critical part of our economy. Maine's people need our state's healthy environment to make their living and provide for their families. Guides, commercial fishermen, and sporting camp owners all depend on Maine's clean water and abundant fish and wildlife. Mining pollution would be a grave threat to these resources.

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

Sincerely,

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