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Dear Board of Environmental Protection,

Corruption destroys not only our governments and economy, but the environment as well. I recently learned that Maine is once again being presented with dangerous mining rules, that benefit corporate giants rather than the environment and its citizens. These laws would allow mining on reserved land, which should be preserved for Maine's people. They would also allow tailing ponds, and make taxpayers responsible for failings of mines, which too often cause travesty in the land and communities around them. These disasters can poison drinking water, and destroy entire ecosystems. 1.3 million people live and work in this great state, and these mining laws as they are proposed could destroy countless lives and livelihoods. Maine has abundant and beautiful natural resources. Part of these resources are the precious and important metals in the earth. However mining must work to benefit the people, not just big corporations. These laws must be revised to work without harming the environment and those living in and on it.

Respectfully,  
Meagan Thomas

Sent from my iPhone

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