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September 2, 2016
Cynthia Bertocci

Dear Cynthia Bertocci,

Please deliver these comments to the BEP.

Dear Chairman Parker and members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

I respectfully urge you to reject the latest version of DEP's weak mining rules. I continue to be very concerned that these weak rules would allow mining corporations to not only pollute our water, but harm our woods & wildlife for centuries. We know these companies have a poor track record in appropriate & timely cleanup; these rules would not protect taxpayers from having to pay for the cleanup of mining disasters.

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

Please follow the lead of both the 126th & 127th Legislatures & reject these rules. Past testimony has clearly expressed citizen & business concerns about mining in Maine. How many more times do we need to bring this to the table?

Sincerely,

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