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Jeff,

Here is my written testimony from last weeks hearing.

Thank you,
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Testimony in Opposition to Metallic Mining in Maine

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection should consider a **MORATORIUM** on Metallic Mining in Maine until it can be proved to Maine residents that mining will **not** have an impact on Maine's Environment.

What is the **PRICE** of allowing metallic mining in Maine?

An independent comprehensive study on the impact to Maine's environment must be completed before any new metallic mineral mining rules are proposed.

Here are two references that will cause alarm:

From "Sulfide Mining Regulation in the Great Lakes Region": "Mineral development has become a top threat to the region's water quality, air quality and wildlife. Sulfide mining has, historically, been extremely detrimental to the areas in which it occurs, particularly weighing on water quality. If the region is poised to allow this type of mining, and it appears to be, protection of the region's natural resources must be the top priority. Mining is, in itself, an extractive industry and will take its toll."

From "Metallic Mineral Mining: The Process & The Price": "The development of a major mine entails a substantial and long term alteration of the landscape and the natural environment. Mining, particularly metallic mining, also presents certain unavoidable ecological risks.... the decision to allow a metallic mineral mine reflects an acceptance of some degree of ecological harm, the extent of which can never be absolutely known or predicted with precision."

The DEP should not allow metallic mineral mining in Maine without fully understanding the PRICE Maine residents will have to pay.