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Dear Board of Environmental Protection

For the third year in a row, the LePage Administration is pushing weak mining rules that are good for share holders & corporations and not good for Maine's environment nor it's citizens.

As Mainers, we depend on clean water to support our tourism, fishing, hunting, and recreation industries. Not only does our clean water directly and indirectly support thousands of jobs across the state, it is a part of our way of life. I am a 6th generation Mainer and have kids that I hope will have the same opportunities to connect with natural world here in 'vacationland' where we live everyday. Where we live on Penobscot Bay there is an old mining site(CallahanMine) that to this day remains toxic and is being paid for partly by the public.

The proposed rules are a threat to our environment because they would allow mining on and under our incredible Public Reserved Lands, they would allow dangerous disposal facilities that contain toxic mine waste and processing chemicals, and they would allow all of this to take place in floodplains and flood hazard areas. And – with so much at risk – they would leave Maine taxpayers stuck with the clean up bill if something goes wrong.

I urge you to do what is best for our state and our people, by saying “NO” to these weak mining rules once again and putting an end to these attacks on Maine’s clean water, and the industries it supports.

Maine deserves strong laws that protect our water, wildlife, natural resources, and it's people now and for future generations.

Thank you,
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