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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:

I urge you to reject the latest version of DEP's weak mining rules. I am very concerned that these weak rules would allow mining corporations to pollute our water and harm our woods and wildlife for centuries. They also would not protect taxpayers from having to pay for the cleanup of mining disasters. We're still paying for other cleanups caused by irresponsible corporations. I do not want any more of my tax dollars having to be spent this way.

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. Pollution in any area of our state threatens our economy. I do not believe mining companies who claim they will not pollute. Their poor track record across the country speaks for itself.

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

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