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To whom it may concern

Surely history has shown us (especially in Minnesota) that inadequate precautions to protect land, streams, water tables and communities from potentially disastrous consequences to precious habitat and quality of life in this region by uncontrolled mining and forestry operations leads to very costly cleaning up operations usually at cost to the state and the tax payers in the long run. Sometimes even to environmental disasters or totally degraded environments.

Please stop and think about this issue to ensure that the usual political emotional blackmail about providing jobs and reviving economies so often used by lobbyists to protect business interests as a very short term view and take into consideration the real cost and benefit to our communities.

It is time we looked at the true benefits compared to the social and economic costs that extend well beyond the relatively short term business bonanzas and evaluate the business case in full consideration the total cost to our communities when the resources have been exhausted and who pays to clean up afterwards or for a possible ecological disaster as so often seen contrary to “expert” opinion.

We ask Minnesota legislators and administrators that they really think about and represent the interests of the entire Minnesota community before accepting inadequate precautions to protect our communities.

Thanks for listening to one mans opinion

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