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Dear Chairman Parker and members of the Board of Environmental Protection

My name is Gail Maynard, I am a retired educator and an organic beef producer in Aroostook County. My family operates Orchard Hill Farm not far from Bald Mountain, one site being considered for metallic mining by your board.

For the past four years I have researched this topic and testified in opposition before your board, the DEP and the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. In every instance the opposition of Mainers to any weakening of mining rules was overwhelming with proponents limited to lobbyists and industry spokespeople.

So here's the big question: What is it that you folks don't get? Maine citizens have spoken loudly, clearly, and definitively that our precious natural resources are not for sale. I believe the BEP should recommend at least a moratorium, for the time being, on any rule changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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