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Mineral Heights Limited Partnership  
P.O. Box 290  
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409  
January 16, 1998

Representative Mark Duff  
PO Box 8952  
Madison WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

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We ask that you consider this issue in your deliberations about SB3.

Sincerely,

  
Mineral Heights Limited Partnership

Woodland Minerals Limited Partnership  
6366 Paynes Pt. Rd.  
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956  
January 16, 1998

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John C. Bojarski, General Partner  
Woodlands Minerals Limited Partnership



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**Dedicated to the goal of preserving our natural resources, protecting rights of all Americans equally.**

**Bob Manzke**

-Exec Secretary - Treasurer

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Sunday, January 18, 1998

Dear Assembly Person,

In the past several months we have been deluged with appeals from several organizations urging us the support the mining moratorium bill. Each of these organizations petitioned us to write our state legislators and urge them to support this bill. Each organization claimed to be experts on the subject.

PARR's is a national grass roots organization, whose genesis was in Wisconsin; therefore our largest membership concentration is in Wisconsin. Comments from our members, and our own observations, lead us to ban as irresponsible these claims by fishing clubs, Indian tribes, etc. How can one claim expertise in areas that hasn't existed up until this time.

PARR feels that passing this bill will, in essence, be banning mining in the state, and will be in conflict with our motto, "Dedicated to the goal of preserving our natural resources, protecting rights of all Americans equally."

Therefore, we urge a no vote on the upcoming mining moratorium bill. Please, don't kill this type of mining because of the hullabaloo a small noisy minority.

Sincerely,

Bob Manzke - Exec Secretary - Treasurer PARR

P. S. Like it or not our lives and livelihood are governed by a world economy. To survive in a world economy one needs something to sell. There is not an overwhelming world market for Maytag repairmen.



# United Steelworkers of America

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## District 2

Wisconsin Sub-District

January 14, 1998

HARRY E. LESTER  
*District Director*

ROBERT GLASER  
*Sub-District Director*

The Honorable Marc Duff  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
State Capitol, 306N  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

I am Sub-District Director for District 2 of the United Steelworkers of America. District 2 covers the states of Wisconsin and Michigan, and has about 33,000 members. The Wisconsin portion of District 2 has approximately 13,000 members, with contracts with about seventy companies, including Harnischfeger, Bucyrus-Erie, and Nordberg.

The Steelworkers Union has a long history in both mining and protecting the environment. We were major supporters of the passage of OSHA in the 1970's and the EPA in later years. In the 1980's we were active in supporting strong laws which curtailed emissions in the coke industry, even though many of our members worked in that industry. Many of our members are hunters, fishers, and campers. We all want a clean environment so they and their families can enjoy the outdoors.

We also believe that good jobs are necessary, but we believe that we can have good jobs and a safe environment. That's what we support. Wisconsin has strong regulations on mining and we support that. We don't believe, however, that legislation should be drafted which would ban an industry by imposing unrealistic restrictions on mining or any industry. Make them meet the strong standards we have. Make them provide for clean up in the future, but don't propose unrealistic restrictions. In fact, many say the DNR is too tough. It would seem that strong DNR oversight should be sufficient in this case.

The manufacture of heavy machinery is an important part of Wisconsin's economy and many Steelworkers' livelihoods. Keeping those companies in good financial shape is important to us. Good jobs will also be created by the mine itself. In May of this year we held our District Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin. More than 300 delegates attended and passed a resolution opposing ". . . unrealistic and unreasonable restrictions on mining." Our local presidents recently listened to a presentation on the proposed mine. While expressing concerns, they had their questions answered to their satisfaction.

We believe that vigorous enforcement of existing laws, along with strong oversight by the DNR and other agencies will be sufficient. We believe SB-3, the Mining Moratorium, places unrealistic restrictions on mining, and therefore oppose its passage.

Sincerely,

Robert Glaser  
Sub-District Director

RG:srl

*for mining.doc  
sent 10/2/97*

**Buchholz, Marsha**

**From:** R.W.Witte

**Sent:** Saturday, September 27, 1997 5:18 PM

**To:** Rep.Duff

**Subject:** SB3

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Sincerely,

Richard W. Witte



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September 29, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
Chair  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, Wis



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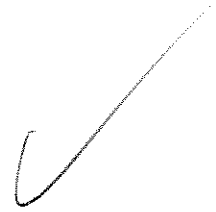
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Sincerely,

Dorothy M Mark  
409 Shallow Lane  
South Milwaukee, Wis  
53172

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Sincerely,

*John Bleier*

Oct 2, 1997

To The Entire Committee  
on Environment:

Messrs Duff  
Johnson  
Boch  
Baumgard  
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Mr. Deratte  
Roberts

Pro: John Black, Kedzie

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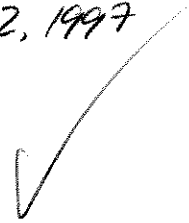
Mrs Kathleen M. Vanderhoef  
1229 Michigan  
Owen Mts Wis 53172



Representative Marc Duff  
Chairman, Committee on Environment.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

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Sincerely,

*John A. Little*

6537 S. 123rd St.  
Franklin, WI. 53132  
Oct. 1, 1997

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Chairman of Committee on Environment  
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Jack W. Sorge

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Sincerely  
Clarence A. Durepowski

Representative Marc Duff  
State Capital  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

MP/4  
8-13-97

Re: Assembly Bill 70 - the Mining Moratorium Bill

Dear Representative Duff:

July 16, 1997

I am opposed to Assembly Bill 70 - the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Wisconsin is a mining state. When we think of mining states, we often look west to Nevada, Wyoming and Colorado or north to Alaska, or east to the Appalachians. However, Wisconsin itself has been and remains an important mining state. The Wisconsin State Seal shows a minor, mining implements, a stack of thirteen lead pigs, and a badger, the symbol of early miners who burrowed into hillsides. Native Americans mined lead in the Southwest region. French explorers also mined lead on a small scale. The first smelter in what became Wisconsin was built in 1816. Mining continued almost without interruption into the 1970's, with lead, zinc and copper production in the southwest, and with iron production around Florence, Hurley, Iron Ridge, Baraboo, and Black River Falls.


Mining is back, with the open pit Flambeau copper and gold mine in Rusk County and the proposed Crandon Mine in Forest County. Far from representing a "new" industry, these projects continue a long-standing tradition, mining in Wisconsin, from the earliest settlers in the southwestern part of the state to iron ore operations in Black River Falls during the 1970's.

Mining is a long-standing tradition, but there can be no comparison of potential environmental problems. Old mines in Wisconsin used low technology and operated when there were few environmental regulations. Just like any other industry, the mining industry has undergone changes: modern technology, advances in engineering, and increased regulatory oversight, that differentiate mining in the 1990's from mining in years past. From exploration to reclamation, Wisconsin ensures the protection of every aspect of the environment -- ground water and surface water, air and wetlands, wildlife and scenic value -- with stringent laws, public involvement and proven technology.

Mining is important to Wisconsin with or without the Flambeau and Crandon Mines. The Flambeau Mine employed an average of 60 people in well-paid positions in an economically depressed area. The Crandon Mine will employ some 400 people during an estimated 28 years of production. Meanwhile, other Wisconsin companies supply equipment and services to the mining industry. It is estimated that 10,000 state residents hold mining related jobs. Harnischfeger Industries, the sixth largest manufacturing employer in the Milwaukee area, has 1,200 employees specifically dedicated to the mining industry.

Mining has been, and remains a part of Wisconsin's culture, character and economy. Modern mining, with state-of-the-art technology under strict environmental regulations, can return this essential industry to prominence in our state, providing family-wage jobs while protecting the natural resources we hold dear. I am opposed to Assembly Bill 70 - the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Sincerely,



Steven E. Schulz, Geologist

605 Elizabeth Lane, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 608 837-0982

cc: Representative Ben Brancel, Representative Tom Hebl

*For Mine*

May 20, 1997

Marc Duff (R)  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Marc Duff (R):

It is with great dismay that I read members of our Senate in Wisconsin have actually voted for a moratorium on mining.

We, as residents of Wisconsin, need and use products manufactured from mined minerals. Motor driven vehicles, roads, airplanes, household appliances, heat, equipment, buildings, etc....., are all products of mining. What if this was an issue that would deny us these basic needs that we take for granted day by day? Voting against mining is the same as voting against these needs.

Passing a law that restricts mining is against the greater good of the people of Wisconsin, and indeed the U.S.A. I challenge every legislator who voted, or is thinking of voting for this moratorium to consider their vote, and then, only if they are willing to forgo the everyday products we use in our lives, to vote against mining.

Of course no one would even think about not using products made with mined minerals.

My company, as well as hundreds of other Wisconsin-based companies employing 10,000 plus individuals in mining and mining related jobs, depend on mining to exist.

I urge you to vote against Senate Bill 3.

Sincerely,

**LAKE SHORE MINING COMPANY, INC.**

*Steve Crewdson*

Steve Crewdson  
Vice President & General Manager

*Opposed*

January 12, 1998

Rep. Marc Duff (Chairman)  
Assembly Environment Committee  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Rep. Duff:

I am writing this letter to state my position against the mining moratorium bill and my positive position for mining if it can be done safely. If you read no further you will at least know that position, however, I urge you to continue.

I am a wife, a mother of three, a grandmother of three, a registered nurse, and a member of a vast SILENT MAJORITY in the Northwoods. A majority who feels that their best interest is being ignored by politicians in Madison who are listening to a vocal minority.

I have lived in Forest County for 33 years and in that time I have seen a decline in the quality of life for residents in this area. When I arrived in Laona I found all the facilities needed for everyday life. Large industry was present, stores that supplied any items needed for everyday life, a doctor, a hospital, and many groups and activities that provided for a full and happy life. This is no longer the picture for our community and many hardships exist for those that continue to live here. At present there is one grocery store in the community, but one must travel 45 miles one way to buy any other items needed such as clothing. One must also drive from 11 to 45 miles to obtain medical, dental and other services. This is an expense and hardship for many including the elderly.

One of the main reasons for the change has been the loss of large industry in the area. Large diverse industry provides not only jobs and benefits for its employees, but is the magnet that draws other smaller businesses and services to the area. Tourism, which some would proclaim as the saving industry of the North, has not done that for our communities in Forest County. Casino gambling has also not been the solution for our area. Both have brought minimum wage and low wage service jobs to the area, but not the jobs and stimulus to support families and communities. In the past large industry has passed over our area mainly due to the distance required to ship raw and manufactured products. The Crandon Mine has been a light at the end of the tunnel for many of us who have chosen to stay in the North.

Having been born and raised in Wisconsin, I have had the greatest faith in State Government and its concern for the quality of life in this state. It's programs, laws, and regulatory departments have ensured excellence in the past, but on this issue I feel vocal, self proclaimed environmentalists have swayed and intimidated for support of this reactionary bill to stop mining.

The DNR, Crandon Mining Company, and local communities have all acted in good faith to assist in working through the State of Wisconsin Mine Permitting Process. I don't feel the proposed Mining Moratorium Bill acts in that same good faith, and is discriminatory against the mining industry and the Crandon Mining Company. Crandon Mining has agreed to meet the strict environmental standards, and the DNR is preparing an environmental impact report and it would seem more prudent to wait to see if there is any problem that cannot be corrected.

We have intrusted the DNR with the control and regulation of many areas of our environment in Wisconsin. Why do some politicians in Madison feel that no longer is sufficient? Please do not be swayed by that vocal minority. Please know there is a silent majority in the North that feels mining issues and decisions should be decided by the experts in that field. These decisions should be made from scientific fact not emotional environmental rhetoric. I feel mining, if done correctly, would be positive for Wisconsin. I hope you will strongly consider voting against the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Sincerely,



Sandra J. Evans



1/13/98

Dear Committee Member:


As a former resident of Forest County I'd like to take this opportunity to express to you how important your decision on the Mining Moratorium bill will be. Forest County needs the economic growth that the mine will bring to the area. It's very unfortunate that negative campaigns from radical activists have scared people away from seeing the truths and realities in this issue.

Driving through Forest County and staying for a weekend to enjoy its many outdoor activities is one thing, living there is another. I was not able to return to the community I grew up in, to live near my family and friends, because there are no employment opportunities for me there in the career field I have chosen to follow. This is not an unusual story. Most of the younger generations that choose to leave Forest County to pursue education and employment opportunities, are not returning. How long can this pattern continue for Forest County? Living in a community such as New London, WI. I realize there are many opportunities for my daughter that I was deprived of growing up do to the economic status of Forest County. When I go home to visit I see the kids there have even less opportunities than I did. Think of these children and others to come when making your decision.

You hold the fate of Forest County in your hands. In years to come will you be proud to say you put the last shovel of dirt on the grave of Forest County. At the rate that it's going without economic growth that's what you will be doing if you pass this bill. After this slow start into winter, it proves that the county can't survive on tourism alone.

Please see the issue that has been put in your hands. Help save the future generations of Forest County and those there now. Crandon Mining has agreed to meet strict environmental standards, already in place and with the DNR preparing its environmental impact report we will be able to see if there will be any problems that cannot be dealt with. Don't allow the anti mining crowds to control your decision. Especially when most of which are not directly effected by your decision. My husband and I have very strong ties to Forest County, both of our families reside there. We care very much about the environment of Forest County and believe that if the mine is proven environmental safe this could be Forest County's saving grace. It will not even get a chance if you stop it before this can be proven. Don't pass the Mining Moratorium Bill. You'll be stopping any hope Forest County has! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jessica Lynn Evans Bytelle  
Former Forest County Resident

Dear committee member;

My wife and I are former residents of Forest County. I would like to take this opportunity to express a few of my views, and thoughts regarding the Crandon mine. We are former residents partly because, there is nothing in Forest County except for all of our family.

We now live in New London, WI. Most of the people in this area are afraid of the mine, because of what the environmentalists are saying the mine will do to the Wolf River. The anti mining group has accrued alot of false issues in the effort to stop the Exxon mine.

- a) The Exxon Valdez accident was not the environmental disaster they like to portray.
- b) Technology today is light years ahead of old mining operations of the past.
- c) The ground levels are not going to be drawn down out of the mine area, and the lakes will not dry up as the radicals would scare you to believe.

The Crandon mining company has agreed to meet the strict environmental standards, which are already in place.

Forest County needs this economic growth, please do not deprive them of this growth. Personally I feel the only time these radicals get off their pedestals is when they are assured media exposure. The Crandon mine seems to be their assurance, even if they are speaking false truths.

I suppose there is always the logging industry, but that seems to offend these self righteous, hypocritical environmentalist, radicals, that can't seem to clean up after themselves! Yet they feel the need to interfere with the progress of our beloved county, WHY?

I also feel that it would be logical to wait until the DNR finishes its environmental impact report. I don't want to seem like one of those people that doesn't care about the environment because I do. I just think everyone should let the DNR, and Exxon prove that this mine will be environmentally safe. Afterall they are the experts.

I realize that you are elected officials and have to consider what everyone has to say. Well consider what you will be doing to the people of Forest County if you shut the mine down prematurely. If you feel the need to disregard this letter and letters like it, I sure hope in ten to fifteen years you will be able to sleep knowing that you drove the last nail in Forest County's coffin. If you decide to let the DNR and Exxon prove the safety of the mine one way or the other, I would like to thank you for giving Forest County the chance to economically advance.

I would like to close with this thought. The residents and former residents of Forest County may be hicks from the sticks, but we know we can't survive on retirees and tourism alone.

Sincerely yours,



Russell L. Bytell jr.

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8600 Glencoe Circle  
Wauwatosa WI 532  
30 Sept 1997


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Tom Learmont

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Chair - Committee on Environment  
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Representative Marc Duff  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison. Wi. 53708

September 30, 1997



Dear Representative,

We are writing to communicate our viewpoints relative to the proposed mining moratorium bill, SB3, that is currently before the Wisconsin State Assembly. As a frequent visitor to Crandon and Laona, as owners of a cottage in Sugar Camp, as environmentally concerned citizens, as one who has visited many mines around the United States and Canada we feel qualified to ask that this bill not be made law.

As a retiree of Bucyrus International I know that this bill could effect 800 jobs at my old company. Current employees of Bucyrus and thousands of others connected with the mining industry would also be effected by the passage of this bill. Companies like Bucyrus, Harnishfeger Industries, and others throughout Wisconsin depend on a strong mining industry. There is no reason that the economy of our state should be placed in danger by unfair and ill-advised legislation.

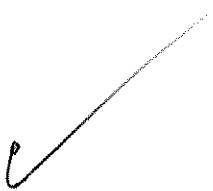
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The mining industry and its proven ability to produce minerals critical to our nation and our State should not be banned. We urge you to vote NO on SB3. Please don't allow mining to be banned in Wisconsin. The people of Forest County need this mine for all of its economic benefits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Blanche M. Rink", is written over a typed name.

John G. & Blanche M. Rink  
9600 W. Brookside Drive  
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John O Marks  
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Bucyrus Oldtimers Association





# UNITED PAPERWORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION

LOCAL NO. 201

MENASHA, WI

January 15, 1998

Assembly Environment Committee  
Chairperson.  
Marc C. Duff.

Dear Chairperson Duff,

Wisconsin has always experienced an abundance of quality fresh water, and because the ecosystems on the upper Wolf River are extremely fragile. The risk of a copper, and zinc mine on the upper Wolf River is simply to great.

Many people living on the Wolf, and Lower Fox Rivers depend on the fresh water from the river for drinking water. The paper industry, which employees 49,000 in Wisconsin, also depends on fresh water from the river. The Wolf River is the home to a world class Sturgeon, Walleye, and Bass fishery.

Exxon is proposing to mine copper, and zinc at the head waters of the Wolf River. Exxon will leave behind the largest toxic waste dump in Wisconsin.

After a presentation by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Fond Du Lac, last January. I'm not convinced that the liner Exxon is proposing to use under the toxic waste dump will not eventually leak. If a leak does occur, it would take months, possibly years to correct the problem. By that time sulfuric acid would be in the watershed at uncontrollable levels.

The tone of the Department of Natural Resource representatives at that presentation, and since is, yes, Wisconsin will issue Exxon permits to mine.

This is why I'm urging passage of the sulfur mining moratorium. I'm also urging passage of a clean bill, without any amendments

Sincerely,

*Kenneth A. Reinhardt*

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Legislative Delegate  
221 Railroad St.  
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JOHN & NANCY HARDIN

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John M Hardin



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Vice President  
Planning and Support Services

September 5, 1997

Marc Duff  
State Representative  
98th District  
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Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Representative Duff,

In a letter dated August 22nd which you sent to the attention of two of my fellow employees, Leona Hrin and Arlene Cich, you stated in regards to the proposed legislative ban on mining, "an analysis by nonpartisan attorneys from the Wisconsin Legislative Council shows that SB3 as written will not prevent mining in Wisconsin".

It's nice to know that nonpartisan lawyers feel this way. However, the realities will be that the environmental extremists will be pointing more fingers and raising chaos over the semantics of that bill with each and every mine permitting application. Without any specific detailed guidelines in the bill to stipulate exact definitions for words like "similar" and "pollution", the critics will hound the permit applications forever.

With that cloud of uncertainty hanging over them, no mining company will be able to secure the multimillion dollar investment required to explore, study and seek permits in this state. If there are specific guidelines that provide additional protections....fine. This bill will presently take this industry and many others on a sure path to ruin in this state, while adding nothing to the environmental protections already in place!

Our employees and suppliers look forward to addressing you and the committee directly at the hearing on October 14. You are making radicals of us all as we seek to protect our jobs and a future that continues to benefit from wise use of our mineral resources!

Sincerely,

Louise Hermsen  
Vice President, Planning and Support Services

*Marc called her  
left detailed message  
9/9/97*



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May 5, 1997

Representative Marc C. Duff  
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Dear Representative Duff,

I am alarmed by the misinformation circulating in Wisconsin on the mining industry. The mining industry is a vital one. It provides the raw materials for all manufacturing and industry. Each citizen consumes over 40,000 pounds of minerals annually. The roads we drive on, the cars we drive in, the bridges we drive over, the buildings we work in, the homes we live in, the appliances that make our life easier and the technology that links us to others are all products of the mining industry. Mining is a vital word, not a dirty word. Extremists would have you believe otherwise. They have succeeded in armtwisting legislators into introducing legislation in Wisconsin that is targeted at preventing the mining industry from participating in our economy, while Wisconsinites continue to use the products of the mining industry. The mining industry has demonstrated outstanding environmental responsibility in our state. So the only thing for alarmists to do is to shoot for an outright ban, in the name of protecting the environment. Citizens and legislators of this state should look to the facts, not the scare tactics and rhetoric on this issue.

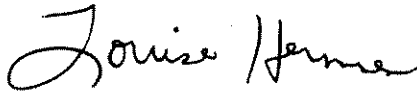
**The Facts Are:**

- **This is not a choice between the environment and mining.** Any project in Wisconsin must comply with our state regulations (some of the toughest in the world), the federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations and the Army Corps of Engineers regulations. A mine will not be permitted unless it demonstrates through its environmental impact statement and plan that it can and will comply with all levels of regulations.
- **The bill, in effect, is a moratorium on mining.** The wording is so arbitrary and vague that any company could be tied up in court for years debating semantics. The bill does nothing to strengthen our already tough regulations....it just paves the way for endless debate and legal fees. Passing a moratorium on any industry sends a message that this is no longer a pro-business state. It opens the door to extremists to target others industries in the future using similar campaigns of misinformation and scare tactics.

- **The Crandon Mine** is one of the most studied properties in the history of modern mining. The environmental impact statement is 20,000 pages, representing 165,000 engineering hours, most of those undertaken by an independent, respected engineering firm in Green Bay...Foth and Van Dyke. The mine plan incorporates the best of modern technologies. This property, with the close scrutiny and regulation it will get in Wisconsin, **will be a model of an environmentally responsible mine**, just as the Kennecott mine in Ladysmith Wisconsin has been. The water processed at the treatment plant there beats all standards set for it, is drinking water quality, and exceeds the quality of municipal water in several area communities. The so called "toxic mine sewage" water that will be pumped from Crandon to the Wisconsin River is near drinking water quality, and again, will exceed the quality of the water entering it from many area communities. At a recent hearing before the Environment Committee, independent scientific counsel testified that the liner technology proposed for Crandon has a life of several thousand years and effectively dispelled the scare tactics of the extremists on this particular facet of the issue.

The legislation currently before our State Assembly as AB 70 sets a very damaging precedent. If you believe in fair regulation, based on science, not rhetoric, you can get further information and get involved through The Coalition for Fair Regulation, P.O. Box 395, Sussex, Wisconsin, 53089 or call 1-800-533-0537. Those who have been crying the loudest on this issue have not presented or accepted the facts and do not represent the majority of our citizens. Current mine permitting processes in Wisconsin rely on facts, not rhetoric, and that's how it should be.

Sincerely,



Louise Hermsen

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August 19, 1997

To whom it may concern,

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I am a landowner on a river in Marinette County. My family has owned the land over 100 years. The general feeling is that this type of mining will be harmful to the North Country but the majority of the people are thinking with their hearts instead of their minds. Most people have not looked at the fact that the Mining Industry has paid its dues when it comes to working with the environment. Mining, along with Mining Manufacturing, is an essential part of economic and tourist growth. Without Mining, the "toys" that tourists utilize when they come North would not exist. Without Mining, the jobs that pay for a lot of life's necessities would be lost.

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April 23, 1997

Representative Marc C. Duff  
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Dear Representative Duff:

The enclosure from E&MJ was accidentally omitted in my first letter. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Ten thousand jobs in Wisconsin are counting on your committee to help the citizens of this state understand that minerals are vital to our economy and our health and that the modern mining industry is based on advanced environmental protection science and has a record of environmental responsibility.

The mining industry has supported thousands of jobs in our state for decades and our customers worldwide are watching what is happening on this legislative issue in Wisconsin. I enclose a copy of an article carried in the leading mining industry trade journal worldwide, referring to Wisconsin as the "New Prohibitionists".

The legislation before you is arbitrary, offers no additional protections for the citizens of Wisconsin, and is unnecessary, given the rigorous mine permitting process currently in place in Wisconsin. It would be very bad policy and set a terrible precedence that could bring all industry under unjust attack, knocking industries out one-by-one in this state!

Ours are the good, high paying jobs that Wisconsin is proud of and has built its economy around. Review the list of Wisconsin companies involved in supporting the industry and please get well backgrounded on this issue so you can make the right decisions for our state. The modern mining industry is proud of its environmental record and will be a good citizen in this state.....just as the current success story in Ladysmith has pointed out!

Sincerely,

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Cathy Bieganski  
Employee and Community Program Coordinator



## The 'New Prohibitionists'

Most U.S. residents know better than to vacation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the winter, when the snow and low temperatures are said to build character. So the more than 400 attendees and 51 exhibitors at the Wisconsin Mining Association's meeting in February certainly were there to focus on the topic -- environmentally responsible mining.

Part of the conference's motivation was the current proposed state legislation that would effectively ban metal mining in Wisconsin (Senate Bill 3). Integral to the bill is the requirement that proof be submitted that a sulphide mine has operated in North America for at least 10 years without ground-or surface-water pollution, and proof that a sulphide mine has been closed for 10 years without pollution. Conference participants rightly observed that the criteria were arbitrary. One could make the analogy that if modern automobiles were judged by Model-T vintage vehicles, car production would cease. Moreover, the criteria were obviously selected to exploit the fact that modern environmental regulation and control technology have largely evolved in the past 20 years. The historic Platteville, Wisconsin, lead-mining district would meet the mine closure/pollution criteria.

When E&MJ first looked at the situation in Wisconsin several years ago, it was struck by an irony. One mine plan, vehemently opposed by activists, would at the end of its life, have a pit smaller in size than an adjacent state-sanctioned gravel pit (for highway use), which had no active opposition. Operations proposed by Crandon Mining are the current lightning rod for anti-mining activists.

Wisconsin legislator Scott Jensen was a straight talker. His observation that many in politics make gratuitous criticisms of areas in which they do not have expertise or responsibility was on target. He noted that 15 years ago the state had excessive regulation, low job creation, and high unemployment. Then politicians of all stripes worked to create a climate supportive of business. Now that prosperity is evident, the old habits demagogic of industry-especially mining-have returned. The Wisconsin Mining Association estimates that some 10K state residents hold high-paying jobs related to the mining industry. (Some of the companies include Ansul, Applied Power, Bucyrus International, Engineair, Falk, Harnischfeger, Interdictor America, Nordberg, Rexnord, Svedala, Telsmith, and Young Radiator.)

Jensen indicated that in a rational, scientific analysis of mine plans, good science will prevail over the emotionalism and fear promoted by anti-mining activists. However, activists want to head off such reasoned evaluation wherever possible for the obvious reasons. Moreover, his comment that activists and ill-informed politicians constitute a breed of "new prohibitionists" resonated with the audience. (The United States enacted a constitutional prohibition against alcohol consumption early in the 20th century. It was repealed as an ill-advised measure, the legacy of which was the growth of organized crime.) Jensen said that the real agenda for many such anti-business entities is to wipe out entire industries. He added that if all facets of business and labor were not mutually supportive, such "prohibitionists" could pick off individual industries one at a time. His allusion to the success of Nazis in going "door to door" imprisoning people, or worse because otherwise good people did not stand up for their neighbors-is not frivolous.

Many mine and community representatives made presentations showing how modern operations exist harmoniously with nature and provide real benefits to society. Many of the operations exist in very sensitive areas, e.g. just north of Yellowstone National Park. Among those represented were Flambeau mine (Wisconsin), Cannon mine (Washington), Stillwater mine (Montana), Henderson mine (Colorado), McLaughlin mine (California), Balmat mine (New York), NWT Diamonds mine (Northwest Territories), Carlin district (Placer Dome U.S.), San Luis mine (Colorado), Echo Bay Mines (Colorado), Kennecott Corp. (Utah), the Gold Institute, the National Mining Assn. (NMA), and several mining environmental consultants.

Richard Lawson, the NMA president, provided many insights, both national and international. He contrasted U.S. per-capita consumption of 40K lb/yr minerals and 6,800 lb/yr coal with Chad's per-capita figure of 260 lb/yr minerals. On the production side, he juxtaposed the U.S. mining 1B st coal with 100K miners with China's employment of 7M miners to extract essentially the same tonnage. Lawson also indicated that, since 1980, U.S. business has spent more than \$1.6 trillion on compliance with environmental laws. A year or so ago, the *Economist* looked at environmental situations and found that a very strong economy was required to support U.S.-style environmental regulation per capita GDP of \$10K/yr.

Lawson also commented on the environmentalists' reluctance to objectively evaluate mine plans not to mention cost-benefit analysis. Non-mining examples that he offered included the global climate controversy and Alar (a pesticide used in orchards which was subsequently determined to have been falsely maligned). Further examples included the current-proposed and costly regulations, and new Clean Air laws that are promoted by proponents as adding 0-4 days to the average American's life span. Lawson offered some perspective with the following figures on life-shortening activities: being overweight, 60 days; driving automobiles, 90 days; smoking tobacco, six years; and poverty, 12 years.

The conference was a microcosm of the mining industry's battle for an objective and positive public perception worldwide, and especially in North America. The meeting was a first step in building business/labor alliances outside those of mine operators. Many mining-allied manufacturers/suppliers, led by P&H Mining Equipment Co., contributed to the conference. The Wisconsin Mining Assn. can be contacted in care of Vollrath Association, N58 W6181 Columbia Road, Cedarburg, Wisconsin. 53012-2009, USA.

Wisconsin, commonly known as the badger state -- for the animal on its great seal, has some lesser "known" components in its emblem. They represent historic pillars of commerce and include mining. Anti-mining activists are striving to make the miner in the sea, mythological. Their current aim is to effectively ban metal mining within the state.

Copied from the April 1997 issue of E&MJ (Engineering and Mining Journal).



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It is simply not good business policy as a state to ban any industry outright. The legislation before you is arbitrary, vaguely worded, open to broad interpretation and simply does not provide any additional environmental protections for our citizens. The current mine permitting process in this state is among the most stringent in the U.S. and certainly worldwide. The scientists should weigh the proposals before them and determine if a mine can be safely permitted. It should not become a political matter, as this has become.

Minerals are critical to our society. Each citizen uses over 40,000 pounds annually. We are fortunate to have rich resources here in our state that can help us all meet our needs for today's necessities. Please do the rational thing when and if asked to vote on this bill. Vote NO to the bill and preserve jobs in Wisconsin! Mining matters in Wisconsin!

Sincerely,

*Raymond A. Bailen*  
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*4/24/97*

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# Harnischfeger Industries, Inc.

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May 21, 1997

Chairman  
and Chief Executive Officer

Representative Marc C. Duff  
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Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Representative Duff:

Mining is a Wisconsin tradition dating back more than 150 years. Mining brings needed minerals for the benefit of the people here and in other states. Its importance to Wisconsin is recognized by the miner, the pick and shovel symbolized on our state seal since 1848. The mining industry is a source of business for more than 130 companies in this state. Unfortunately some people believe it's time for the tradition to end in our state. We, however, believe an end to mining in Wisconsin would be a major mistake.

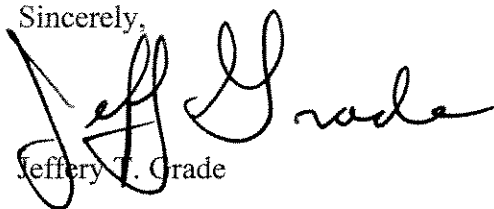
The Senate's approval of a mining moratorium earlier this year was based on emotion, rather than fact. Anti-mining activists made them believe future mining activity will be conducted using antiquated mining practices that are harmful to the environment. Today's mining technologies are very sophisticated and entirely compatible with the environment.

At Harnischfeger Industries, we support these modern mining practices and the latest technologies that extract needed minerals without harming our environment. We support the responsible efforts to return the landscape to the same or a better condition than existed before the mining took place.

I urge you, as members of the Assembly's Environment Committee, to take a closer look at the new mining technologies that safeguard our environment. Also consider the current level of regulation ensuring safe mining practices in this state. Environmentalists should take pride in knowing that Wisconsin's regulations are among the most stringent in the nation and are enforced by our expert Department of Natural Resources.

We look forward to sharing our views and concerns with you at the hearing in Milwaukee this summer. We believe that with a greater understanding, you will see that adequate regulation currently exists to protect both our environment and the future of mining in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Jeffery T. Grade



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May 7, 1997

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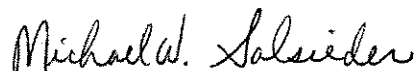
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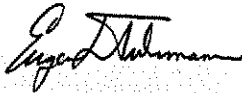
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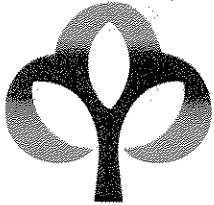
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July 29, 1997

The Honorable Marc Duff  
State Capitol, Rm. 306-N  
PO Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708-2388

Dear Representative Duff:

I am writing on behalf of my company and the workers employed in Wisconsin. As you consider the **Mining Moratorium Bill**, I urge you to review the Mining Permit process and regulations already in place and effectively administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Passage of the Mining Moratorium Bill would effectively ban an entire industry from doing business in Wisconsin, sending a message that Wisconsin is no longer a pro-business state.

We need to continue to respect the rights of local governments to chart their own economic growth as long as the industry can meet the same environmental standards as all other industry in the state.

Show your constituents that you support environmentally responsible growth, by voting **NO** on the Mining Moratorium Bill.

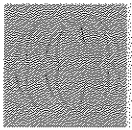
I look forward to hearing your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Lied  
President

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June 10, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
State Capitol, Room 306-N  
P. O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

Congratulations on conducting a fair hearing in Ladysmith last month. I'm sure it's difficult to sit there for so long hearing so many people so far off base with their testimony, yet only to be cheered by others who are just as ill informed. I thought you did an excellent job of keeping your cool, especially during some of the theater put on by one of your colleagues.

I am writing to add my concern that this legislation is arbitrary, will be impossible to administer, and does nothing to improve any environmental protect of our natural resources. We already have protect laws in place and a good department to regulate the industry. Lets let the process work.

Our company is one that have individuals whose jobs directly depend on the mining industry. We prefer to keep them employed and working instead of being laid-off because of a bad piece of legislation.

When last we discussed this matter at the mining conference in Milwaukee, you indicated you were opposed to such legislation. I hope you continue to hold that position and want you to know that you have many supporters who agree with that position.

Please do all you can to see that this legislation is defeated. Let me know how we can help.

Sincerely,

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President

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*Reply 6/27*  
June 3, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
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Dear Representative Duff:

I am writing to express my concern over the Mining Moratorium Bill being considered by the Assembly. I believe that this unfairly and unnecessarily restricts an entire industry from functioning in Wisconsin. Regulations and permit processes already in place and administered by the Department of Natural Resources provide more than adequate protection to the environment.

In addition, both the local community and the state business community as a whole suffer when arbitrary limits are placed on economic growth. If we are to maintain the economic growth and prosperity we currently enjoy (and that is the envy of many of our neighbors) we cannot afford to succumb to pressures from modern day Luddites. A rational consideration of these issues leads to the conclusion that this bill should be soundly defeated.

I would appreciate learning your position on this and look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



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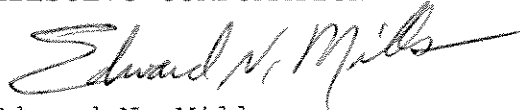
I am writing you because of my concern about the Mining Moratorium bill SB-3, that the Senate passed. I ask that you work to defeat this bill.

The State of Wisconsin has ample regulations in force now, and a very competent DNR to enforce these regulations, to ensure that mining operations are conducted in a manner that will have minimal effect on our environment.

Our state is blessed with certain mineral resources that are every bit as important to our population as trees and deer. We should harvest these resources for the benefit of society. The mining industry is important to the economy of Wisconsin and should not be legislated out of business!

Very truly yours,

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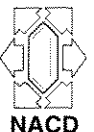
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June 12, 1997

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Dear Representative Duff,

I am writing to you as an employer concerned with legislation being considered which may have an adverse effect on our states economy. Namely the Mining Moratorium Bill. While I and others are always concerned about the natural environment in our state, the economic impact of our actions must always be considered as well. We need to be very sensitive each time decisions are made, or legislation is passed, that may permanently harm any employment base. Such is the case for the mining industry.

We need to continue to respect the rights of governments to manage their own economic growth as long and specific industries can meet the same environmental standards as all other industries in the state. I urge you to support environmentally responsible growth, by voting No on the Mining Moratorium Bill. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



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Dear Representative Duff,

I am writing you concerning the mining moratorium bill SB3 you will be considering in the committee on Environment in the near future. I am against this bill being passed out of your committee and I would like to explain why.

I have lived and taught school in Ladysmith since 1972. I have watched the Flambeau mine develop from its beginning to the process of closing it is going through today. My home is about three miles from the mine site. I am also familiar with the Crandon mining project through my father-in-law Ray Hoffman who lives less than three miles from the projected mine site. I have known Ray since marrying his daughter Chris in 1978. I was in favor of the Flambeau project and I would like to see the Crandon mine be given a chance to prove modern mining technology, with the DNR's approval, can conduct an environmentally safe project.

As talk started in Ladysmith in the early seventies about the Flambeau mine, I had no preference concerning mining. I listened to some anti-mine groups say some very scary things about mining. Being I lived in this area I started to do some research concerning some of the things they were saying. After listening to mining interests and DNR experts, I like the great majority of my neighbors came to support the mine. It seemed most of the people opposed to the mine did not live here where the mine was to be located. The anti-mining experts said things like the town would be covered with three inches of dust, ground water would be contaminated, the river would go dry, A flood would wipe out the mine, and many other very negative things. As it turned out, there experts were college students, and as the DNR experts had said in their impact statement even if there was a 100 year flood the design of the mine was sound. We had our 100 year flood in 1993 and it did not have a negative impact on the mine. The DNR experts were right on, the anti-mining experts were expounding half truths and unfounded conjecture.

During the last several years I also watched the young people who usually left this less than prosperous economic area stay in this area because of the jobs created by the mine. I also watched as mining money was put to good use in our community in many ways, one example being financial help with our new Rusk county Library. As a teacher I can attest to the financial help and the tours the Flambeau mining company was very generous with. There were just no negative impacts on our community because of the mine I see everyday. Crandon is in a very similar situation. It is my



hope that they get a chance to put modern mining technology to work the way it was in Ladysmith.

I was watching channel 7 in Wausau on Feb. 27. They had a report on the Crandon mining project by a reporter I later found out was from Madison. There were seven untrue facts or generalizations in that report. I called the station manager, Randy Winter, and after some discussion he admitted they did not look into the report before airing it. I hope you look at the negative side of this bill before making your decision.

I am not in favor of mining at any environmental costs. I do not feel that this is an issue in this project. I obviously feel we can have the mine, the jobs, and a clean environment in this situation. Wisconsin's mining and clean water laws as directed by the experts at the DNR worked for the Flambeau mine. There is no reason if given a chance to go through the proper permitting process the Crandon project could not also be successful. I have seen and am familiar with both mining situations and would be more than happy to discuss my observations with you as chair of this committee or any other member of this committee. I know you must have given this issue much study and consideration being the chair of this committee. A vote against this bill may not seem to be very popular among the very vocal anti-mining people, but just as in Ladysmith with the Flambeau mine, there will be no reason to listen to them in the future, because they will have nothing to say. A vote against this bill is a vote for the people of northern Wisconsin and the environment. Wisconsin's most successful enterprises are built on modern technologies, not 100 year old technologies used by the anti-mining proponents as examples. If Wisconsin's motto is indeed forward, please give all the states residents and the Crandon people in particular a chance to benefit from this project.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter,

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Dear Representative Duff:

I strongly oppose 1997 Senate Bill 3. It will negatively impact our business as a supplier to mining equipment manufacturers.

Wisconsin law is clear. The Wisconsin Legislature has specifically allowed for mining in the state as long as it is accomplished in an environmentally sound manner. No further legislation is required.

Sincerely,

FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS CO., INC.

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