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May 8, 1997

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

Dear Representative Duff:

As a resident of New Berlin, we appreciate your judgment on issues important to our entire state. In your work on the Environment Committee, you will have direct input on a matter of great importance to all of us.

Senate Bill 3 is a mortal attack on the mining industry in Wisconsin. My understanding of this legislation shows an ambiguous effort that would result in the effective banning of mining in our state.

My work has a significant involvement with companies that build modern equipment for surface and underground mines. I have toured mines in various U.S. locations, and I know first hand that current technology will fully maintain our environment during mining operations. Wisconsin's current laws will protect our environment, and they should not be replaced by this ill-conceived measure.

Sincerely,

MEURER COMPANY, INC.



David A. Meurer

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We make a difference - Let us prove it



May 29, 1997

for mine

The Honorable Marc Duff
State Capitol, Rm. 306-N
P.O. 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,

Otto J. Wolter
President
Wisconsin Lift Truck Corp.

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*for mining
the seat*

Prentiss, Mike

From: Andy Dorau[SMTP:acdorau@students.wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 1997 3:39 PM
To: Rep.Duff; Rep.Black; Rep.Seratti; Rep.Hahn; Rep.Hoven; rep.brock@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3/AB70)

To the members of the Wisconsin Environment Committee:

I am a UW-Madison student who lives in Crandon, WI near the proposed Crandon Mine. My home is in desperate need of this mine, which the moratorium bill is trying to stop.

Please vote no on AB70. Thank you for your time

Andy Dorau
310 Wescott Avenue
Crandon, WI 54520
715-478-3822

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against bill.*

*for mining
ltr sent.*

Prentiss, Mike

From: Dorau's[SMTP:piner@newnorth.net]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 1997 6:53 PM
To: Rep.Duff
Subject: Mining Moratorium Bill

I am strongly opposed to the mining moratorium bill. As a Crandon resident, I am concerned about the environment, but why don't we wait until the results of the extensive research which the DNR and the Corps of Engineers are in before we kill this off.

We need good jobs up here. We don't want jobs if it ruins the environment. I haven't seen concrete evidence that a mine would. Let's wait and see before we rush out and kill this project.

Please do not support or vote for the moratorium bill.

Warren Dorau
310 Wescott Avenue
Crandon, WI 54520

Phelps, Wi.
June 30, 1997

The Honorable Marc Duff
State Capital, Rm. 306-NPD Box 8952
Madison, Wi. 53708-2605

promise

Dear Representative Duff:

Re: Mining Moratorium Bill

I, as a Wisconsin citizen, tax payer and voter, am writing to express my opinion and receive your view on the above mentioned bill. To pass this bill would be, almost, a traitor to the people of Wisconsin. Almost every thing we touch and use every day is a result of some kind of mining. Even our vitamins, which are really necessary for every human from birth to aged.

The economy of Wisconsin is at stake. Were you ever without a job or did you ever go hungry? Many have. This mine would mean a way for every family to have a decent income and a future. Why is Wisconsin any different from other parts of our country. They have mines and we benefit from them.

I am sure the DNR have checked every aspect of the environment and they will do what is right to protect it. I do not feel our government has the right to decide what industry we can have and not have. The people should have some input. What would the few, who appose this mine, do without their cars, household items, TVs, phones etc..

I am asking you to give this every consideration and vote NO on this bill. Maybe you and others should visit parts of Wisconsin and find out how most of the people feel about this.

Sincerely

Stella Caskey
Stella Caskey

2764 S. Shore Rd.

Phelps, Wi. 54554

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RR 2 Box 245

Crandon, WI 54520

August 19, 1997

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8/19/97

Rep. Marc Buff

State Capitol, Box 8952

Madison, WI 53708-8952

Representative Buff:

Charge your immediate consideration of Assembly Bill 70, the Mining Moratorium measure. It would appear that the will of the people in this state is being subverted by your unwillingness to put this to a vote.

The line on Lake Lucerne, where the proposed Effon mine is to be located. While we are quite cognizant of the fact that the DNR is ostensibly "gathering" data, we are also aware that the point is moot in terms of what their decision will be. They will say that "mining can be done safely." But with a director now an appointee of the Governor (whose ex-aide was an Effon lobbyist) the sessions with the D.N.R. have been laughable. At the Crandon meeting, I inquired as to when the DNR would be conducting their own studies, employing their own models. I was told they would not be doing this, but would be very carefully scrutinizing the work of Effon in this regard. You need not be much of a research scholar to know that when the company does the research, using its own models, there is only one way the data will turn out! If those studies are not replicated, using independent researchers' models and analysis, the DNR will have no worthwhile data on which to make any judgment.

One of the reasons frequently cited for denying a mining permit is that a mine operator has a bad environmental track record. All one has to do is see the word "Effon" to think "pollution". In fact, a recent dictionary uses the word as a verb , as in

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August 19, 1997

"they have polluted our waters."

This is to say nothing of the fact that the improved technology which they intend to use for the gigantic toxic waste dump is very likely to pollute our ground water for generations to come. At the D.W.R. meeting here in Chardon a 4"x6" piece of the "miracle" fiber, 1/4" thick, was passed throughout the crowd. This is to be able to withstand the pressure of the tons of acid mine waste, the size of 350 football fields, piled 90 feet high? And it will last for ever???

Please schedule the meeting on AB 70. Let the voice of the people be heard.

Sincerely,

Mr. Geraldine Kline & Mr. Arlene Kline

August 20, 1997

Marc Duff
State Representative
98th Assembly District
State Capitol
P.O. box 8952
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Re: Proposed Mining Moratorium Bill SB3-AB70

I received your letter of August 14, 1997 regarding my support of SB3/AB70 and concern for the protection of our state's water resources.

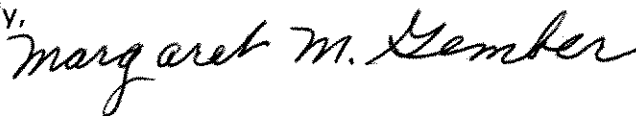
I have been assured by Wisconsin's reliable, well-educated environmental groups and Senator Black's office that any deficiencies in the language of the proposed mining moratorium bill will be corrected to provide full protection of Wisconsin's natural resources from the highly dangerous affects of metallic sulfide mining - which as you know produces tons of very toxic waste which would have long-term environmental, social, and cultural adverse impacts on the State of Wisconsin.

Neither the billions of dollars spent on ads by the Crandon Mining Company, nor the obscure private interests of any politician or DNR official can buy out public opinion. Bill or no bill - the fact remains: **the people of Wisconsin do not want to do business with the Crandon Mining Company - and the value we place on our states abundance of natural resources can not be bought or sold.**

Assembly representatives should be assured that the people of Wisconsin are better educated on this issue than you think and we do *not* believe the fantasy that "our state has the most stringent mining laws in the U.S". The voters in Wisconsin will be watching their Representatives when SB3/AB70 comes to a vote in the Assembly.

I recommend as Chair of the Assembly Committee on the Environment *you* take charge and resolve this issue. Make it *your* responsibility to stamp out private interests and **vote in support of SB3/AB70**. Keep the Crandon Mining Company out of Wisconsin - until they can PROVE they can mine responsibly. Give us the facts - not fancy rhetoric.

Sincerely,



Margaret Gember
3775 S. 27th Street, #301
Milwaukee, WI 53221-1316

cc Members of the Assembly Committee on the Environment

January 11, 1998

Jennifer Evans
N1269 Brockman Rd.
Waukegan, WI 53968

Dear Representative Duff,

I have travelled the world.

In other countries they allow things that are banned here, with fewer restrictions also, I would rather allow the mining in Crandon with the strict restrictions Wisconsin has in place. I believe we can do a good job + not pollute.

To think the fish you have for dinner could come from a place near where there are no environmental

restrictions.

I am a nature lover, I love the Indians of mole lake, I believe in sustainable development. Yes, mining has a poor history but so do alot of things.

I hope you have travelled the world.

P.S. I have lived in Wisconsin 38 of my 42 years. I've recently purchased a farm outside Madison 230 Acres. We grow organic vegetables & lease some land to our neighbor - an organic dairy farmer of 22 years of age.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Evans

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LOUISE HERMSEN
Vice President
Planning and Support Services

January 12, 1998

Representative Marc Duff
PO Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

As you head into a most important vote on SB3 this month, we encourage you to reflect on the information contained in a special insert in Forbes magazine July 7, 1997.

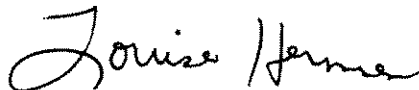
“With less than 5% of the world’s population, the U.S. consumes almost 25% of the world’s mineral production. Furthermore, as the world’s population moves toward six billion by the year 2000, developing countries will require greater amounts of natural resources as their standards of living improve. To supply these economies, the mining industry must continue the exploration and development of new projects, a process that can require up to ten years and massive amounts of capital.”

Wisconsin is rich in mineral resources which can be safely mined and put to work for our citizens and those in areas where such resources are scarce.

In the column titled “How to Evaluate Mining Stocks”, you can read between the lines to add that the politics and regulations to which a company is subject will significantly impact its ability to perform for its shareholders”. Mining is a basic industry, providing basic as well as advanced products to society. But in the end, there must be a favorable investment climate for a mining company to survive and secure shareholder support.

Please consider the long term ramifications of SB3 and vote carefully. The mining industry can meet our tough environmental requirements, so please vote against SB3, which does nothing but close the door on this and eventually other industries here in our state.

Sincerely,



Louise Hermsen

Prentiss, Mike

From: Benjamin F. Dorau[SMTP:piner@newnorth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 1998 10:12 PM
To: Rep.Duff

Dear Mr. Duff

As a citizen of our Wisconsin Northwoods, I feel that the popular opinion of how we feel about the proposed mine has not been made clear. The majority of us do want the mine to come in. However, we often remain silent because of the more fanatic and sometimes threatening opposition. When someone expresses dislike of the proposed mine, they receive mild support. If a person shows support, they are met with loud and harsh rebuttal. The reason that there have been few gatherings for the mine are not for lack of support, but fear of reprisal.

With the low crime rate and affordable property, the Northwoods offers a wonderful place to raise a family. In spite of this, I cannot return here because there simply are no jobs for a man with a college education. If the proposed mine came in, these job opportunities might come in. This would not only increase the standard of living in the area, but would allow many people to return to the place where they grew up.

As you can see, there are several reasons to vote down the moratorium bill. It will show these extreme groups that the silent majority rules over the ruthless minority. In addition, our standard of living and future job opportunities will also increase. I thank you for your consideration.

Benjamin F. Dorau
310 Wescott Ave.
Crandon, WI 54520

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**Erhard E. Huettl
Chairman**

December 30, 1997

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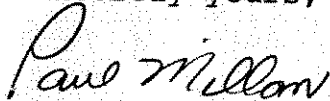
Members of the State Assembly
of the State of Wisconsin

Dear Honorable Assembly Members:

As Chairman of the Forest County Mining Committee I am enclosing a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Forest County Mining Committee on December 29, 1997.

On behalf of Forest County, the site of the proposed Crandon mine, we would urge you to give serious consideration to the opinions expressed in this Resolution.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Millan, Chairman
Forest County Mining Committee

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CRANDON, WISCONSIN 54520

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Forest County Mining Committee is a duly appointed Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Forest County Mining Committee is aware that there is presently pending before the Assembly of the State of Wisconsin a bill which, if adopted, would result in a moratorium on mining throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Forest County Mining Committee opposes such moratorium for reasons that are more fully set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY MINING COMMITTEE as follows:

1. That the Forest County Mining Committee opposes any legislation which would, in effect, result in a moratorium on the development of the proposed Crandon mine site and as a basis therefore refers to the following:

A. That the proposed bill is predicated on the belief that the operation of the mine will adversely affect the environment when in fact, there is no scientific evidence that the mine cannot be operated safely.

B. That various members of the Committee have personally visited similar sulfate mines in the United States and Canada which mines have in fact been operated safely without any danger or damage to the environment.

C. That said Committee has complete faith in the now established permitting process promulgated by State Statute as well as regulations of the Department of Natural Resources, by which the Crandon mine site can only be operated if it is determined that such operation can be done so in an environmentally safe manner.

D. That the proposed moratorium on mining fails to take into account the wishes and desires of the citizens of Forest County, who are the citizens of the State of Wisconsin that will

be most affected by the operation of the Crandon mine. This Committee is convinced that the majority of said citizens are in favor of said mine.

E. That the proposed mining moratorium fails to take into account or consider the current impoverished economic circumstances of the citizens of Forest County which economic circumstances have been aggravated by the following:

(1) The loss of logging jobs due to current cut-backs as well as anticipated further cut-backs in the quantity of timber harvested from the national forest.

(2) The decline of tourism due to:

(a) Federal ownership of over sixty-six (66%) percent of the land area of Forest County and

(b) Reduced bag limits of harvestable fish and the real or perceived diminution of fish due to harvesting by local Indian Tribes.

F. That the proposed moratorium fails to take into account or to consider the enormous economic benefits that would inure to the citizens of Forest County, including but not limited to the following:

(1) That it would raise standards of employment within Forest County by providing jobs to local residents that pay well above the federal minimum wage.

(2) That the implementation and development of the Crandon mine would prevent the exodus of young people who are born and raised in Forest County and who must subsequently leave due to a lack of available employment.


(3) Substantially increase the amount of revenue generated by local units of government such as the County, Town, and school district so as to provide public services to the residents of Forest County comparable to the public services presently being enjoyed by residents of more affluent Counties throughout the State of Wisconsin.

G. That the proposed moratorium fails to consider the

increased revenues that would be retained throughout the State of Wisconsin benefiting all of its citizens as well as the direct economic benefit received by the State of Wisconsin since a substantial portion of the machinery utilized in the mining process will be manufactured within the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY MINING COMMITTEE that a true and correct copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to each and every member of the State of Wisconsin General Assembly for consideration prior to the roll call vote on the pending legislation requesting a moratorium on mining activities in the State of Wisconsin.

Adopted this 29th day of December, 1997.



Paul Millan, Chairman
Forest County Mining Committee

ATTEST



Dora C. James, County Clerk

WISCONSIN LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Memorandum/Correspondence

Date: December 3, 1997
To: State Assembly members
From: Michael R. Ryan, President/Business Manager
Re: Resolution Opposing SB 3, the Mining Moratorium Bill

The Wisconsin Laborers' District Council is an affiliation of 13 Laborer local unions representing nearly 9,000 active and retired construction craft laborers throughout the state. Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution Opposing SB 3, the Mining Moratorium Bill, that was passed last month by Council delegates.

By the nature of the construction industry, construction craft laborers, signatory contractors and construction owners, must deal with permits and the process of obtaining and complying with permits, on a daily basis and during all phases of a project. Naturally, we are concerned by any measure that sets arbitrary standards that may impact potential work, even when those standards are applied narrowly to a single industry or in this particular instance, to a single project.

By this resolution, Council Delegates express to all legislators our sincere belief that SB 3 undermines the integrity of Wisconsin's mining permitting process by establishing arbitrary standards which do nothing to address even the most legitimate health, safety or environmental concerns cited by sulfide mining opponents.

On behalf of the District Council, I urge you to vote against SB 3 and allow the mining permitting process to continue.

Resolution opposing SB 3, the Mining Moratorium Bill

Whereas, the members of the Laborers International Union of North America in the state of Wisconsin, like all citizens in this state, recognize our inherent need and responsibility to protect the environment; and

Whereas, the Laborers understand our environment is threatened by air and water pollution, acid rain, toxic waste and other contaminating conditions that have been caused in part by human factors ranging from ignorance and poor planning to blatant insensitivity and greed; and

Whereas, Laborers are on the front lines developing and implementing technologies designed to prevent damage to the environment, mitigate damage caused to the environment, or reclaim areas of environmental degradation, while ensuring worker safety and health; and

Whereas, Laborers support the enactment of laws and regulations that establish strict and verifiable environmental standards and procedures that individuals, businesses and industries must adhere to; and

Whereas, Laborers recognize the state's mining permitting process, a process grounded in the work of private citizens, government leaders, industry representatives, and environmental advocates, as a strict, verifiable and fair process, that takes over three years to complete; and

Whereas, Laborers know that to receive a permit to mine in Wisconsin a company must prove that it will comply with all pertinent federal and state regulations; safeguard unique or valuable lands and habitats; protect public health, safety and welfare; have a net positive economic impact; comply with local zoning laws; and include suitable plans for reclamation; and

Whereas, the Laborers believe SB 3, the Mining Moratorium bill, sets arbitrary standards that undermine the integrity of the mining permit process in this state; and

Whereas, the Laborers believe it is only fair to the hundreds of working families who stand to gain from the employment opportunities which result from safe and responsible mining in Wisconsin, to allow the mining permitting process to continue.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council opposes SB 3, the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Prentiss, Mike

From: M & K Anderson[SMTP:manderso@execpc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 1998 9:45 AM
To: Rep.Duff
Cc: Rep.Black
Subject: Fw: MINING MORATORIUM

Gentlemen,

Heard you on Sly's show this morning.

Is it true that the annual taxpayer cost of the "Public Intervenor was only \$232,000 (or .00001166% of the \$15 billion 1995 state budget)"? If so, how can the Public Intervenor be considered a waste of 'public' taxpayer dollars, but a multimillion dollar 'loan' provided by the citizens of Wisconsin to assist in the construction of a baseball stadium for a 'private' owner of a major sports team be considered a greater value?

*I obtained this information from an informational advertisement/article from the 'UW Greens, Madison, Wisconsin', which appeared in the January 13, 1998 edition of the "Shopper Stopper". There are some other interesting dollar figures attributed to Exxon in this article about (e.g., lobbying, ads, etc.). You may want to look at it.

Last evening I e-mailed my representative (see following) expressing my position on the Mining Moratorium.

Kathleen A. Anderson
Verona, WI
845-8897

> From: M & K Anderson <manderso@execpc.com>
> To: Rep.Skindrud@legis.state.wi.us
> Subject: MINING MORATORIUM
> Date: Tuesday, January 13, 1998 9:03 PM
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> The simplest way to look at the situation is to say to ourselves, "If we
> prohibit a mine in Crandon, we may never know for sure if pumping
> wastewater into the Wisconsin River will cause irreversible damage to the
> environment and economy. On the other hand, if we allow a mine in
> Crandon,
> something will happen . . . the water will: a) stay clean or b) it may
> be
> a downright mess."
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> I apologize if this sounds simple-minded; however, what are we willing to
> risk?
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> During my life, there are a few things I've learned. You can't make
> people
> do anything they don't want to do. It's a fact of life, humans are born
> happily, glowingly selfish. Honor is frustratingly difficult to achieve.
> A conscience can die if not nurtured.

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- > We are taking care of this planet until the next generations arrive.
- Let's
- > take good care of their home until they get here.
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- > Keep wondering if the water would have been okay if a mine was allowed in
- > Crandon. In the long run, wondering sometimes is best.
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- > Thank you.
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- > Kathleen A. Anderson
- > Verona, WI
- > 845-8897
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W.A.T.E.R. Box 31, Springbrook WI 54874 Ph: 715/766-2725

for
PP

January 14, 1998

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Assemblyperson:

Attached are items relating to mining issues and the upcoming Metallic Sulfide Mining Moratorium bill. You can get additional information by contacting the above address and phone or I can be reached for the next few weeks at 222-1735 here in Madison.

The point of these items are simple and reinforce growing concerns among constituents throughout the state. The developing of a minerals district here in Wisconsin is still very much an experiment - not unlike the experiment of the Titanic which was "unsinkable." Unproven technology is always in need of much tweaking and is usually laden with human error. So, before we engage all the engines on large-scale mining here in Wisconsin let's make sure all the questions have been asked and answered on the technology.

Thank for your time and we know that on the eve of the Sesquicentennial (which by the way is equal to seven generations) you will seriously weigh all items in this debate.

For The Future,



Walt Bresette,
W.A.T.E.R Campaign

THIS MINING
MORATORIUM
WON'T STOP
MINING...

THIS MINING
MORATORIUM
will ban all
MINING...

SNAP!

HEY! WHO
SPILLED ALL
THIS OIL HERE
?

WHICH
IS IT, MR.
LOBBYIST?

WM. KRUPINSKI '98



Exxon Mine; A Titanic Mistake in the Making

By Walt Bresette

On the eve of the Sesquicentennial the Wisconsin Assembly faces one of the most important votes in its 150-year history. The Metallic Sulfide Mining Moratorium bill Debate.

Though the bill (which delays new sulfide mining for 20 years) is widely supported by the public, some Republican legislators are more fearful of political reprisals from the Governor and his industry supporters than they are of constituents.

At hearings last fall the Governor's DNR Secretary George Meyer joined former Governor Tony Earl in opposing the moratorium. Earl, who is also a former DNR Secretary, was representing the Exxon Minerals Corporation.

So come mid-January one can be assured that the industry, the Governor's people, and the Wisconsin Manufacture's and Commerce Association will be in full force in the Assembly halls lobbying to amend and thus kill this important legislation.

If the Exxon mine (and the dozen or more which will follow) were a luxury liner, the industry and their political counterparts would call it "unsinkable". They would tout computer modeling and "tough mining laws" as proof of invincibility. And, like the Titanic owners, they would scrimp on lifeboats believing that none would be needed for something unsinkable. (Remember Exxon's Valdez?).

Except for the mining industry, politicians and stockholders, the risks are huge and very long term. If the "state of the art" technology fails, the impacts will be also irreversible. But by the time the first breach occurs all of us will be long gone, the children seven generations into the future will search for the lifeboats which won't be there.

As the halls of the assembly floor fill with the lobbyists, the public will be locked in the second class, lower decks as the power brokers adjourn to the cloakrooms for brandy and cigars, the clamor for protecting the water will be swept aside by false assurances.

Like the Titanic, it will be much harder to stop or turn once all the engines are engaged. The moratorium bill simply delays the launch of a new mining district for a mere 20 years, until the technology proves safe. A prudent plan for our waters.

The issue is not about the mine, but the mine wastes. Metallic sulfide mining creates massive amounts of waste, which remains highly toxic for thousands of years. Keeping this waste from our water is the challenge.

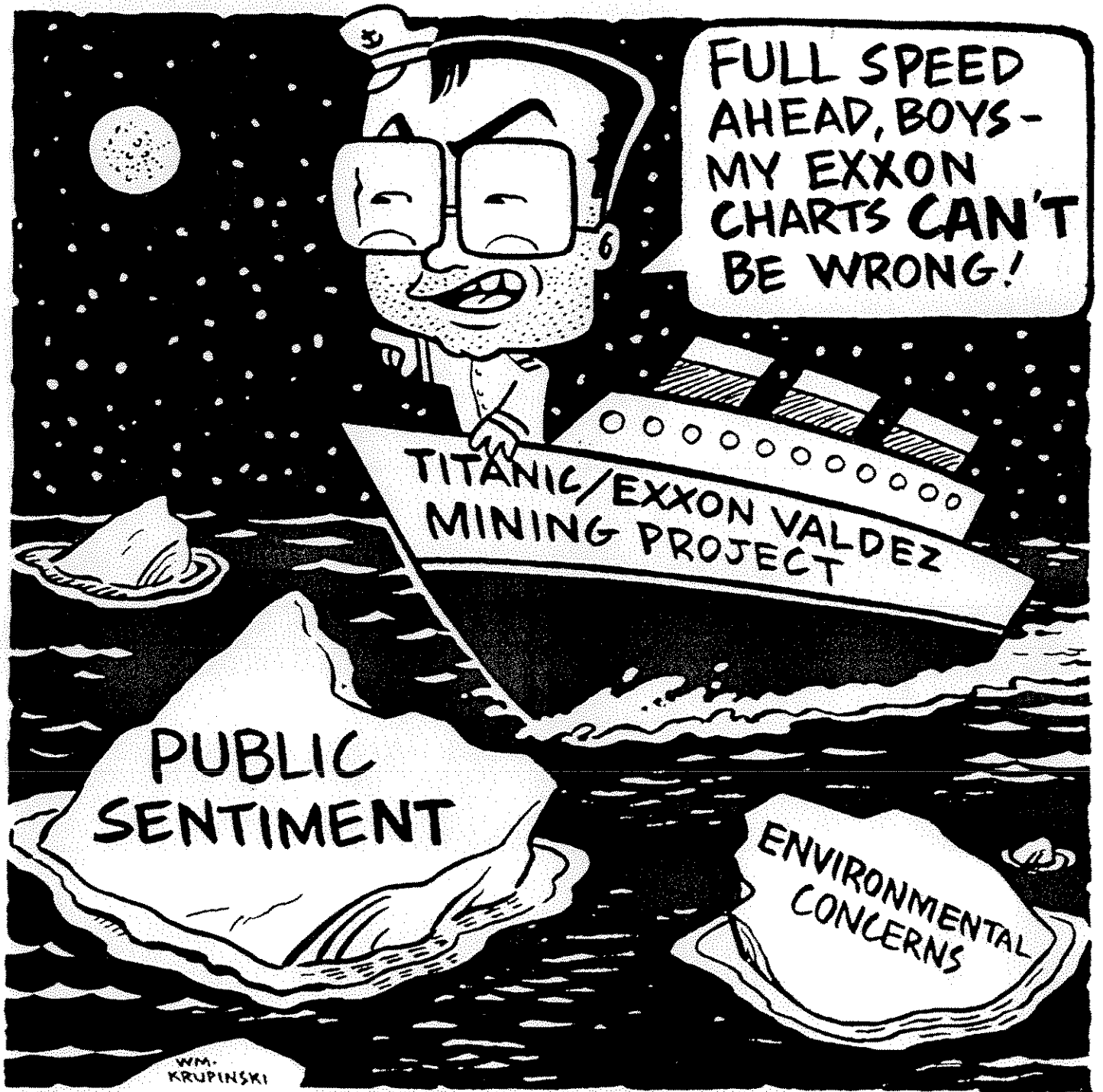
The crushed rock from which the ore is removed is stored on site, 40 million tons put back into the 2000 feet deep mine and another 50 million tons stockpiled above ground. This waste dump would be 90 feet high and equivalent to 350 football fields. It would be separated from the environment by a thin plastic liner that "Crandon Mining Company's" former President Goodrich, reported in the Appleton press, would be dissolved in 150 years. "Poof, it's gone", Goodrich stated. And so then what will protect our water? Laws?

This first of many mines is a large gamble, pitting a new industry against our pristine water and the tourist industry. In the short term it will create some 400 high tech mining jobs, leave a pittance of net proceeds tax, and get more pro-industry officials re-elected.

Those of us today who witness the mid-January debate will be long gone when, in 150 years, the plastic liner begins to disintegrate. It will be the children seven generations from today who will inherit the mess. So let's check the lifeboats before we get aboard.

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Like the Titanic, the vote on the Metallic Sulfide Mining Moratorium bill will long be remembered



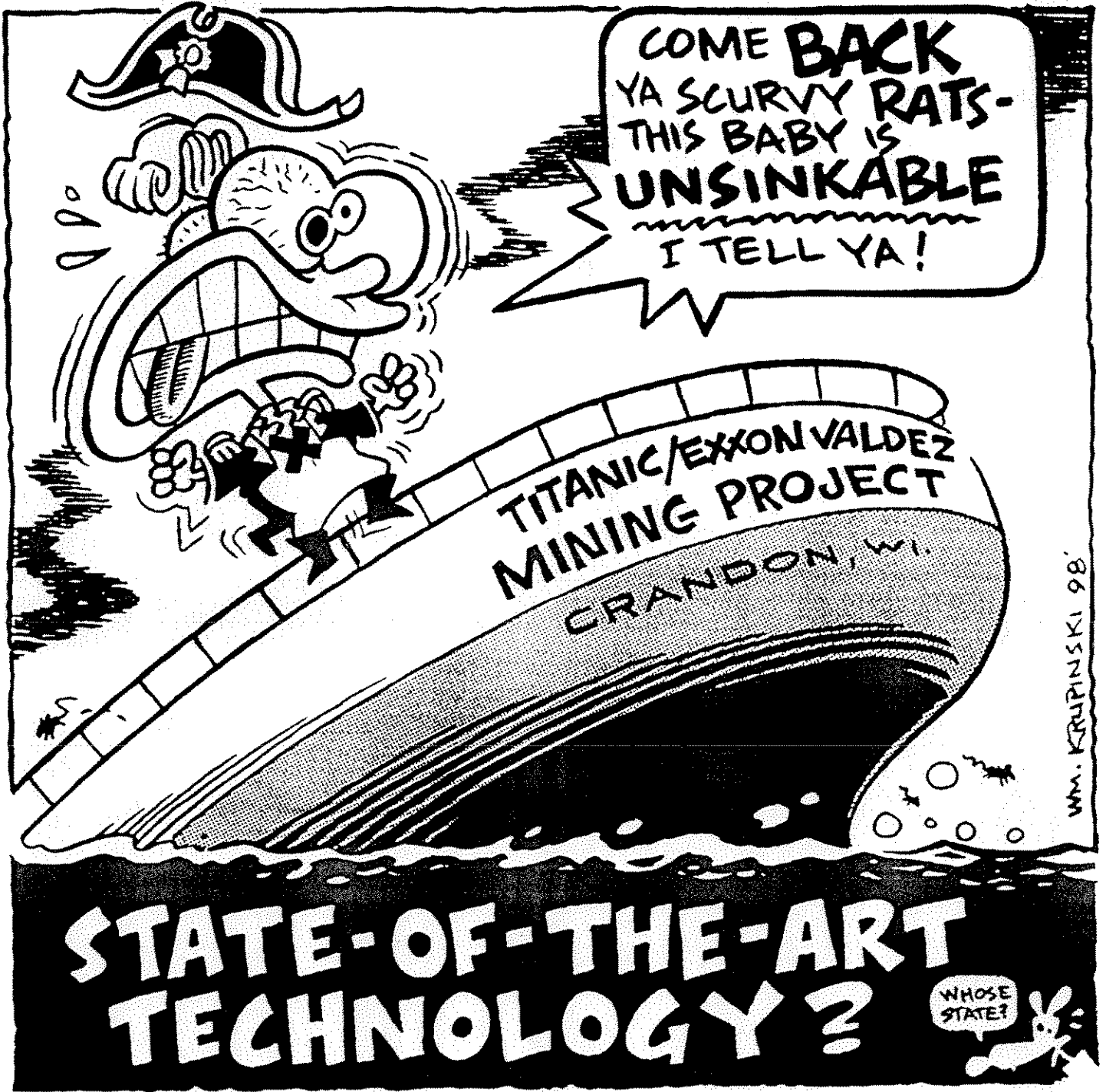
FULL SPEED
AHEAD, BOYS -
MY EXXON
CHARTS CAN'T
BE WRONG!

TITANIC/EXXON
VALDEZ
MINING PROJECT

PUBLIC
SENTIMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL
CONCERNS

WM.
KRUPINSKI



COME BACK
YA SCURVY RATS-
THIS BABY IS
UNSINKABLE
I TELL YA!

TITANIC/EXXON VALDEZ
MINING PROJECT
CRANDON, WI.

STATE-OF-THE-ART
TECHNOLOGY?

WHOSE STATE?


WM. KRUPINSKI 98'

W4818 Cty Hwy D
Tomahawk, WI 54487
January 13, 1998

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State Assembly Rep. Mark Duff
P. O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff,

Next week is an important vote on the mining moratorium bill, SB 3. I am writing you to express my concern about this vote, and in turn, my concern about the environment.

Our family has a home on Lake Alice. We carefully chose this site because of its awesome beauty and abundant wildlife. Four years later, Exxon is planning to dump wastewater from the Sulfide Mine, into the Wisconsin River above the Hat Rapids Dam. Lake Alice is a bounteous body of water, about 9 miles downstream from the Hat Rapids Dam. To risk further contamination of our great Wisconsin River, to risk contamination of the groundwater supply in the Crandon area, is foolish and irresponsible.

We would be wise to listen to oceanographers, who report that the ecosystems of our mighty and vast oceans aren't as healthy as we need them to be. Let this be a red flag to citizens of Wisconsin. Let us be preventative and not reactionary in our management of Wisconsin's most precious resource.

We need you to vote yes on SB 3.

Sincerely,



Kay Olson, H. S. Mathematics Teacher

January 15, 1998

Rep. Lorraine Seratti
P.O. Box 8953
State Capitol
Madison, WI. 53708

Dear Ms. Seratti: RE: SB3, AB586

You contend in letter-to-the-editor dated 1/14/98 that passing moratoriums on any industry is not sound public policy therefore you reject SB3. I disagree with several points in your reasoning.

First, you infer and conclude SB3 is meaningless and sets a dangerous precedent. I disagree! It is misleading to hold that SB3 will apply to the mining industry in general. SB3 is specific to sulfide mining which comports with accepted process, purpose and intent of any proposed law. Proponents of mining contend SB3 will cause years of litigation due to ambiguous language. I disagree! The Legislative Reference Bureau did find this problem existed earlier, but language changes clarified the bill's intent and meaning to resolve this problem. The bill now expresses clear intent.

Secondly, you believe this is not sound public policy and rely solely on DNR mining personnel to support your contention. I disagree! Public policy is expressed and finds its purpose in the beliefs of the contemporary standards of our society. The majority believe SB3 is reasonable and proper.

Thirdly, you admit that numerous sections of state mining rules and statutes needed improvement. This fact is a major component upon which our beliefs rest that SB3 is legally

appropriate. We need the time to discover and continue to make the needed improvements. AB586 is supporting evidence why SB3 is necessary.

Fourth, you rely on discovery identified as a result of the DNR analysis of the Summitville disaster as basis for proposed mining rule initiatives. I agree with you to effectuate positive changes to protect our natural resources. Your letter infers that AB586 is being introduced to offer an alternative to SB3. I find this scheme positive in intent but ethically underhanded and derelict in process.

Fifth, the introduction of AB586 as a substitute alternative deprives citizens of timely opportunity to participate in the conflict as to timing and motive of this bill. Your letter admits that the next-letter-to-the-editor will detail your mining initiatives. I find this admission impedes us of timely opportunity to intelligently comment on the proposed substitute law before its debated on the floor. I further find this act deprives us of adequate due process in that it does not comport with the spirit of sound public policy--process of active participation. Our opportunity to guide public policy is violated and your actions support my contentions. I find it contradictory that you rely on sound public policy argument yet largely ignore and frustrate our timely public participation.

Sixth, arguments submitted by mining proponents are vague and largely lacking in substantive merit. Example: Rodney Harrill, President of (CMC) Crandon Mining Company says, "The Mining Moratorium does absolutely nothing to strengthen the State's mining laws..." This is a true statement, yet its utterance is designed to mislead and persuade others that SB3 should be defeated simply because intent is not structured to strengthen laws or to set standards. This is devious, erroneous argument. I note you subscribed to this

practice by contending that the moratorium sets a dangerous precedent which could lead to destruction of other industry. No offering of evidence has been submitted or is required to support this groundless allegation.

Finally, I ask that you change your mind and support SB3 on the narrow issue as to its intent, yet keep working on positive mining rule changes. SB3 simply temporarily bans sulfide mining in Wisconsin. The huge Crandon deposit is massive in sulfide content. Toxic tailings waste comprise 22-41% by content, (1986 EIS report). The risk outweighs the long term benefit. Until we are satisfied that it can be done with guarantee of no failure SB3 is reasonable and necessary.

Sincerely yours

Sylvester Poler
Sokaogon Chippewa Member

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January 6, 1998

m. Mah. Duff

Very soon you'll be voting on the Mining Moratorium Bill sponsored by Rep. Spencer Black. We, your constituents, are expecting your support of this bill as written; this bill will do three things for the people of Wisconsin.

- 1) Save Wisconsin from an environmental disaster.
- 2) Protect our natural resources and environment.
- 3) Put the Mining industry on notice that it must prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that sulfide mining can be done safely in watered areas such as Northern Wisconsin.

We would like you to review the following before you cast your vote;

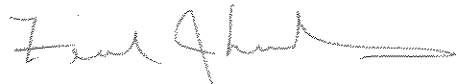
- 1) NO Sulfide Mine has ever been reclaimed successfully.
- 2) Synergistic Impacts (the combining of chemicals). The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in its December 1997 update of the Exxon (Crandon Mine) License application clearly spells out that Synergistic Impacts on the Wisconsin River cannot be determined e.g. when the present chemicals and metals in the Wisconsin River combine with the added chemicals and metals from the proposed Exxon Mine no one can determine what the impact on the resource (Wisconsin River) will be.
- 3) The Richmond-Hill Mine in Leeds, South Dakota was shut down in the early 1990's. Operating with the most current mining technology, this mine went acid (Acid Mining Drainage) after only 2 years of operation, the Department of Energy and Natural Resources of South Dakota (SDDENR) closed the mine. The mine owners had to remove 3 1/2 million tons of contaminated rock to a higher spot in the hills of South Dakota where hopefully it will not contaminate the ground water and streams; contact person Thomas Durkin, South Dakota Department of Energy and Natural Resources. This association visited this state to verify the damage, can you visualize Exxon moving 55 million ton of contaminated ore if this mine is permitted.

- 4) Summitville, Colorado. This mine has all but destroyed the Alamosa River and its tributaries and is now threatening the Rio Grande River, over 50 million dollars in "superfund" money is pledged to the clean-up. We again have visited this site. The WDNR in its update on the Crandon Mine for 1997, very poorly addresses some of the issues creating this disaster, the fact is; it is a disaster and can happen in Wisconsin. If you saw the once pristine Alamosa River, prior to Acid Mine Drainage and saw it today your vote would be to support the Moritorium on Mining. One can argue the pros and cons of Summitville but one fact is uncontestable, "This catastrophe happened."

Examine the track record of Exxon.

- 1) There is a 5 Billion dollar judgement against Exxon in Alaska. No money has been paid to the State for the "Valdez Spill". Our guess is; Exxon will keep this in the courts for years, but most of all, Valdez was not cleaned up by Exxon nor have the people of Alaska been re-imbursed for their financial and environmental losses.
- 2) Exxon's reputation and performance in Canada, Wyoming, New Jersey, Chile and Colorado will substantiate the fact that Exxon will not be a good neighbor or protector of the Environment. We do not need these "carpet baggers" in Wisconsin.
- 3) The proposed Exxon mine is not about jobs; it's about buy-outs, pay-outs and political maneuvering from the Governor's office to the WDNR to the Forest County politicians. This scene is almost a duplication of Exxon's performance in Chile, South America where Exxon promised over 5,000 jobs to the "tribe people", there are less than 100 "tribe people" doing menial labor at the mine. The environmental problems are horrendous and still continue.
- 4) Exxon has stated in their propoganda advertising that they have carefully packaged the 55 million tons of waste in a carefully built "Tupperware type enclosure". Don't believe this propoganda. Everyone knows that the earth moves and that buried rocks work their way to the surface (cracking open the earth), this will happen to the Tupperware type enclosure proposed by Exxon.

The future of Wisconsin's environment lies in your hands. A wrong vote and you will have to explain to your children and their children about your decision on Exxon.



Frank J. Luedtke
President - PCPOA

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cc: Governor Tommy Thompson
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January 6, 1998

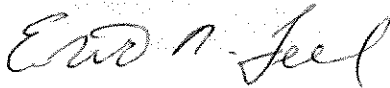
Representative Marc Duff
Wisconsin State Assembly
P.O. Box 8952
Madison Wisconsin 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to you to support the Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3/AB70) as passed by the State Senate.

As a resident of Appleton I have enjoyed traveling to the north-woods, particularly the Crandon area for many years. This area is blessed with many clear lakes and streams and the Nicolet National Forest. I do not want to see this beautiful area become a guinea pig for Exxon Mining Company. Their proposed 365 acre toxic waste dump planned at the headwaters of the Wolf River is an environmental threat not only in Forest County, the Fox River Valley is also affected. Furthermore, not only is our clean water at stake, the tranquility of this area which is a large tourist attraction is also threatened.

Respectfully yours,



Eric Feil
Appleton Resident

EF/cs

January 12, 1998


Dear State Representative,

My name is Kevin T. Schmoldt and I live in the district formerly represented by James Rutkowski who has been appointed to other duties by the Governor. His successor will not be voted in until April. Therefore, I and about 30,000 other registered voters will have absolutely no representation in the Assembly when you gather to vote on the Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3). That is why I'm writing.

It doesn't take an expert to know that a poisoned and sick environment is quickly followed by poisoned and sick people. You are in a position to assure that the health of the environment and people of Wisconsin are protected from such poisoning. When you go to cast your vote, please consider: Does my vote protect the environment and people, or does it throw it up for grabs?

I sincerely hope we can all live with your decision. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Kevin T. Schmoldt

Kevin T. Schmoldt
3613 W. Drexel
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*RICHARD GRAMS
3014 E. HOLMES AVENUE
CUDAHY, WISCONSIN 53110*

January 9, 1998

State of Wisconsin
Representatives

Dear Wisconsin Representative:

My name is Richard Grams. I have been an elected official in Milwaukee County for the past six years and I am also a property owner in Forest County, Town of Nashville. I am interested in some answers to questions I have concerning a number of issues in Forest County.

Are the lakes going to have a draw down? Will the watergate stay that way? My well is 30' deep. Exxon will probably require a 100' well which will pump millions of gallons of water. Will that change my water availability? My water now is pure and sweet, will that quality be affected? Will I have enough money to fight this problem if it does occur? I don't think so.

The State of Wisconsin has spent billions of dollars in superfund cleanups of contaminated sites. Will Exxon be creating another future superfund area? We are able to clean up most of our currently polluted and contaminated areas, will we be able to say this about mine waste? Can mine waste ever be cleaned? How many football field sizes of waste will be left behind? Does anybody know?

Employment is needed in Forest County, however, what quality of employment is mine work? Mine employees will be found and hired because of local unemployment, but would you like your son or daughter to have to work in a cold, wet, dirty, unhealthy environment?

Right now Forest County enjoys rent from neighboring counties for the use of their prison. With the influx of population due to the mine, I am sure Forest County will begin to fill their prison and thereby lose the revenues so needed. Local families will again suffer.

Does Governor Thompson receive campaign funding from Exxon? If I am correct, I read that Mr. Meyer of the DNR is opposed to the proposed mine bill. Isn't Mr. Meyer an appointee of Governor Thompson?

There was a "local" agreement with the "local" people of the mining area. Why are the "seasonal" landowners and homeowners left out. We had no say in the matter but we pay taxes like everyone else, shop, buy gas, and add to the local economy on a year round basis.

In closing, I would like everyone to remember that this Northern Wisconsin land is available for the enjoyment of everybody, statewide and nationwide. This is God's country and does not belong to Exxon or the New York Stock Exchange.

I am respectfully requesting that you please vote in support of the moratorium. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,



Richard Grams,

City of Cudahy

3rd District Alderman

Dec 10, 1998

Rep Mark Duff
306 North
Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative:

You are quoted as saying you will not heed the 40,000 signers of a petition to halt the copper mine contemplated by Exxon, and that your constituents want the mine (even if it is not in their area and many they will give jobs to are not Wisconsin citizens) "IF IT WILL NOT DAMAGE THE ENVIRONMENT!" That is indeed the question- and one Exxon has not given enough proof to convince most of us, and no mine has not polluted.

What galls many voters is that our representatives put business before public health and welfare. And they refuse to believe scientists who have long predicted the disasters that damage to the environment will- is- causing... We are running out of natural resources, like rain forest, thousands of species- and the heating of the global climate may indeed be the real cause of a heftier El Nino than ever before and the extremely costly ice storms and floods many are suffering from. Not to mention diseases we never had to cope with before that are coming from the destruction of the tropical ecosystem and jet transport.

Politicians seem unable to connect the cause and effect of relaxing even inadequate regulations to retard pollutant dumping, or a change from fossil to non-polluting sources of energy because the status quo yields profits to huge companies most of which lard the campaigns with plenty of paper lubricant so they can have access to law-makers who see to their interests first. Which is why the public really wants campaign reform but know those benefitting from legalized bribery will not vote for any such change.

What a tragedy if it is too late -even if we stop the discharge of these pollutants- to stop the alterations, for the magnitude of the problems have a momentum that will last for a long time. Stupidity combined with cupidity are the mortal sins of politicians. Mortal for all of us.

Abigail Curkeet
Mt Horeb, WI 53572

PS "cost effective" in judging of the level of toxic or pathogen pollution in ground water is a red herring to be able to reduce safe-guards. Montreal failed to bury its power lines. Too costly! But the bill for failing to do so will be many times as expensive. So is cleaning up pollution and meantime deaths occur- to fish- to people.

A Resolution Enacted by the Brown County Conservation Alliance

Mining Moratorium Bill - AB 70

Whereas, the Brown County Conservation Alliance has always been a strong proponent for protection of the environment, and because the mining projects of Exxon and Rio Algom will have adverse effects on these environments and;

Whereas, the effects of the Crandon mine on water table levels, groundwater qualities, tourism, and wildlife habitats are certain to be harmful;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Brown County Conservation Alliance strongly opposes the proposed copper and zinc sulfide mining projects in the Crandon area and urges other concerned citizens of Wisconsin to support the Mining Moratorium Bill currently in the Wisconsin Legislature; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Brown County Conservation Alliance stands in solidarity with the many other unions and environmental groups in Wisconsin that have also enacted resolutions endorsing legislators and add their voices calling for such a bill; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Representatives Kelso, Gard, Ryba, Green, Vanderloop, and Hutchison.

MARL.
This resolution was
passed at our September meeting.
We ask that you consider our
concerns on this important issue.
Brown W. Lemkau

September 16, 1997

Chairman Marc Duff
P. O. Box 8952
State Capitol
Madison, WI 54708-8952

Chairman Duff:

I am an active sportsman living in northern WI. I have watched as the present Governor and pro business/mining representatives stripped our system of its checks and balances by eliminating the Public Interventor's office, making the DNR head an appointed position and making allowances for the mining industry on ground water standards.

To my further amazement the DNR has blatantly deleted mercy as a toxic in determining future pollution discharges to the WI River. How will the DNR get around the BOD standards to accommodate the mining discharge to the WI River?

The DNR has lost all credibility as an independent agent and caretaker of our environment, but rather has become a partner to the mining industry pitting themselves against the people of WI who value their clean water and safe environment.

Vote yes on the original Mining Moratorium Bill AB 70!

Sincerely,

Reginald Hermsen
Reg Hermsen
Rt 1
Freedom Corners Road
Wabeno, WI 54566



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 P.O. Box 8952
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LE'DONNA LAVENDER	3330 W. WELLS	MILWAUKEE	53208	LE'DONNA LAVENDER	12/11/97
Calvin Ousley	3330 W. Wells	Milwaukee	53208	Calvin Ousley	12-11-97
Rev. Wm. Pugh	2221 W Hampton Ave.	Milwaukee	53209	Rev. Wm. Pugh	12/11/97
Mrs. Danni Smith	3316 N. 26 St.	Milwaukee	53206	Mrs. Danni Smith	12/15/97



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William PARNELL JR	3330 W. Wells	Milwaukee	WI 53208	William Parnell Jr	12-11-97
Raymond Lester, Jr.	3330 W. Wells St	Milwaukee, WI	53208	Raymond Lester	
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Susan Papp	1004 N. Highland	Milwaukee, WI	53233	Susan Papp	



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Coralyn Bryant	1414 N. 17 th		53205	Coralyn Bryant	12-15-97
Denariss Evans	6981 N. 43 rd	Milwaukee	53209	Denariss Evans	
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