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Veterans Community Working Group

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 Wisconsin State Assembly
 Committee in the Environment
 P.O. Box 8952
 Madison, WI 53708

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Henry L. Brays, SR	3330 W. Wells	Milwaukee		Henry L. Brays, SR	11 Nov 97
David J. Turner	"	"	53208	DAVID TURNER	11/12/97
Lena Emerson		Milw	53233	LENA EMERSON	12-15-97
Mary Thomas		Milw	53233	MARY THOMAS	12-15-97
William Morgan	4339 Park St #2		53216	WILLIAM MORGAN	



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Carla Barrow	2615 W. Lincoln			CARLA BARROW	
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Roy L. MAXIE Jr.	3330 W. Wells	Milw.	53208	Roy L. Maxie Jr.	12/11/97
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Julius D. Coates	1140 E. Hamilton	Milw	53202	Julius D. Coates	12/15/97
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Sept. 4, 1997

Mr. Marc Duff
State Representative
98th District

Dear Mr. Duff,

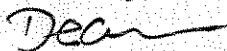
I am writing, once again, to ask you to support Assembly Bill 70, the mining moratorium bill.

We need to protect our natural resources through legislation. Please research this issue thoroughly and give the bill your support as I feel it would be in the best interest of the entire state.

I have seen strong support for the bill statewide. The public hearing at Ladysmith was a good example as the clear majority of those in attendance were in support of the bill.

It's time to get the bill out of committee without change. Send it to the full assembly for a vote and pass it.

Sincerely,



Dean W. Roebken
N69 W6703 Bridge Road
Cedarburg, Wi. 53012
414-377-4526

Robert E. Mackey
Route 3, Box 34123A
Hayward Wi. 54843

Representative Marc Duff
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, Wi. 53708-8952

Dear Representative Marc Duff:

I understand the full State assembly is to vote on Senate bill 3/ Assembly bill 70 (the mining moratorium bill) I feel it is essential for the welfare of Wisconsin's water quality that this moratorium bill pass. please vote for this bill.

Regards

cc:

State Rep. Barb Litnton
State Rep. Spencer Black

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Mackey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Prentiss, Mike

From: Timothy P. Dirkx[SMTP:dirkx@itis.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 1997 9:50 PM
To: Rep.Duff
Cc: dirkx@itis.com
Subject: Support the Mining Moratorium Bill

Honorable Member of the State of Wisconsin Legislature:

Please Support the Mining Moratorium Bill (Assembly Bill 70/ Senate Bill 3).

This bill will prohibit opening a new sulfide mine until a similar mine has been operated elsewhere for at least ten years without significant environmental damage. This is not too long to wait, considering the consequences are disastrous destruction of the natural resources and the environment that we depend on in Wisconsin for our livelihood.

The tailings dump alone would be ninety feet high and cover the area of 200 (200!) football fields. This toxic waste dump would be left near the headwaters of the Wolf River.

Exxon cannot cite even one example of a mine in a sulfide ore body similar to the Wolf River deposit that has operated for any significant length of time that has not caused extensive pollution.

For the sake of ourselves, our children and our children's children, it behooves us to impose a moratorium on mining until environmentally sound means of ore extraction can be demonstrated.

Again, I urge you to aggressively support the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Thank you.
dirkx

Timothy Dirkx
609 Charles Lane
Madison, WI 53711

September 19, 1997

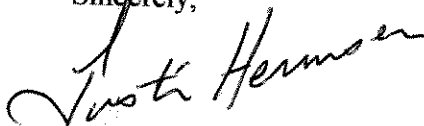
Chairman Duff
P. O. Box 8952
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Chairman Duff:

As a resident of northern Wisconsin, an active member of TWIN (Timber Wolves Information Network) and CAMBA (Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association) I am appalled at the concessions the DNR has made to accommodate Exxon aka CMC. The DNR has compromised my heritage of a clean safe environment.

I will vote in the next election and will be watching closely to see who represents Exxon and whom represents the voters of Wisconsin both individually and as a party.

Sincerely,



Justin Hermsen
Box 662
Wabeno, WI 54566

August 30, 1997

anti
reply
9-9-97

Rep. Marc Duff:

Quit dragging your feet & represent the interests of the people of Wisconsin not Exxon. Bring the original mining moratorium Bill to the full Assembly for a vote.

↳ had family members attend the meeting in Rhineland they witnessed your promise to bring Assembly Bill 70 up for a vote.

As Laura Furtman said "It's Show Time." So get with the program.

Kathy Deemsen
Rt 1 Box 6602
Waubesa WI 54566

Dear Chairman Duff-

As an avid outdoor enthusiast that particularly enjoys water oriented recreation, I cannot help but be disturbed by the proposed mine in Crandon. The effects on the water not only in that immediate geographical location but in the whole state would be quite negative. I realize that some jobs would be created through the proposed mine, but what about the recreational stronghold of the north? Why would the state shoot itself in the foot? As you know, the WDNR focuses on the preservation and conservation of wildlife habitat that our state is so exceptionally known for. I cannot justifiably see why such a preservational effort would be ruined for the majority of the state due to such an environmentally unsafe practice. I'm asking you to consider my plea, as well as hundreds of thousands of other people too, for the Crandon Mine proposal to be halted to a stop. Our society doesn't have the proper technology to mine without harming the environment. So until it arrives, with justifiable evidence, I feel that the idea of mining this area should retired.

When it comes to natural habitat, we only have a certain amount left. If the mine were to go through, like many other mines, the environmental damage that could occur would be irreversible. The cost of the effects on so many different people would astronomical. Consider the natives who harvest wild rice from Swamp Creek. What would happen if this resource became hazardous to eat? What if the area resorts that rely upon fishing and hunting had to pack up their families and move to a less favorable part of the state because of high carcinogen levels in fish and wild game that was caused from the mine? Perhaps a personal, worst case scenario, if one of your loved ones is effected by the

toxins due to the mining. It will eventually creep up on all of us. So please, protect our native environment that is so dearly precious, it's all we have.

Sincerely-

Chad Montalban

*Reply to: 5015 Pretty Lake Road
Dousman, WI., 53118*

December 7, 1997

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306 N, State Capital, Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Marc Duff:

I am writing to you today to express my feelings toward the Crandon Mine. I think that it is a very bad idea to create a mine in that area, especially, but any area at all. Mines are not worth all the problems for the people or the environment.

The Crandon Mine is wrong. There is nothing good about it. It is a very serious concern to all of us in Wisconsin. It will destroy the environment and its natural beauty. People from all over Wisconsin, and other states as well, come up to Northern Wisconsin to vacation and enjoy the beautiful scenery, but if a mine is put there, people will stop going there to vacation and cause Wisconsin to lose money from tourism. Right now, Wisconsin generates \$5 to \$6 billion a year in revenue and renewable jobs that should not be risked by short-term economic gain. Many of us also hunt and fish and canoe and camp along the gorgeous Wolf River. This is the river that would be seriously polluted by sulfide-ore mining, and when sulfide rock combines with water, it creates sulfuric acid and unleashes more toxic, heavy minerals. This would be in our water. Everything would be contaminated and destroyed. The Crandon Mine also would be pumping out 2 to 3 million gallons of water everyday for a mine that's supposed to last 25 years. The Crandon Mine would create a toxic sludge pile the size of 322 football fields, 90 feet deep. Now who would want toxic sludge on our land and why would we want to waste so much water? Indian Tribes would be devastated by this mine and their wild rice beds would also be destroyed.

There is nothing good about the Crandon Mine and I hope that after reading this letter you give the Crandon Mine another thought. It would be a very bad choice to go ahead and continue your plans with the mine. It would be hurting everyone around the area as well as the environment. The environment is a very sacred thing to most people and do not want it destroyed by something that could be avoided.

Sincerely,

Erica Mooney

Erica Mooney

December 10, 1997

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306 N, State Capitol, Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chairman Duff:

This letter is in response to the mining Moratorium Bill. This is a bill that will make a big difference in the future. This bill has been favored upon vote by the Wisconsin State Senate. Now the bill is moving onto the WI Assembly for consideration.

The Mining Moratorium Bill will enforce mining companies to make sure they are mining safely. Many mining companies are just mining however they want without giving a care in the world in how their actions are going to affect the future generation. By supporting this bill, the ground and surface waters will be much safer to drink. Water is so limited and we need to preserve all the water resources as much as possible. Pretty soon water is going to be worth more than money. Once our water resources have been depleted, money won't be able to buy water. The water that we have is so precious.

It is important to be in favor of the Moratorium Bill. I demand for a positive and prompt vote on this. I believe that your vote will be in the best of everyone's best interest.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sai Lor
323 Benson Hall
Whitewater, WI 53190

12-9-97

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306 N, State Capitol, Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chairman Marc Duff,

I am writing on behalf of the Mining Moratorium Bill. The bill has passed the Senate on a 29-3 vote, and has also passed the Assembly Environment Committee. The bill is going to be going before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee in early 1998. I strongly support the Mining Moratorium Bill for many reasons.

The first reason is that the mine would be located near the head waters of the Wolf River, one of the cleanest and most scenic rivers in the state. The mine would threaten the groundwater and nearby wetlands as well as the river in a prime tourist area. The second reason is that Exxon and Rio Algom, the Crandon Mine partners, cannot cite one example of a similar mine, located in a sulphur ore body, that has not caused extensive, long term pollution. The third reason is that a proposed tailings dump for the toxic mine waste would cover an area of 322 football fields and be 90 feet deep. Also, the liner of this waste dump is suppose to last 140 years, but the tailings would remain toxic for many centuries. The final reason is that the Mining Policy Center states flatly that all liners leak.

Mining companies say techniques have improved. The Moratorium Bill would simply require proof of that claim. Ten or twenty years is not along time to wait. The minerals and the jobs will still be there when and if the mining can safely be done. So, please show you support for the Moratorium Bill by voting in favor of it.

Sincerely,



Stacey Zamiatowski
3751 E. Munkwitz
Cudahy, WI 53110

S3605 Evergreen Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306, State Capitol, Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

December 8, 1997

Dear Representative Duff;

Save Wisconsin—support the Mining Moratorium Bill.

I'm not going to waste your time telling you about the harmful effects of acid mining. These are facts that you must know by heart now. You know the effects the Crandon Mine will have on the economy of the state, as well as the environmental consequences. All I ask is that you represent us, the citizens of Wisconsin, by supporting the Moratorium Bill.

Speaking only for myself, the Crandon Mining project appalls me. As an accountant, I see what a small impact the mine will have on our economy. I don't know a single person who will benefit from it. But as a citizen who will quite likely raise a family and live the rest of my life here, I'm scared.

I have relatives in Tomahawk, and many, many more that live along the Wisconsin River who will have to live with this pollution everyday. I have a picture of my nephew fishing out of the Wisconsin river, but I can't look at that without wishing I was there to stop him, to tell him about all of the dangerous, disgusting things in that water and in all of the fish that he loves so much. Don't *you* have friends and family in the same situation?

Wisconsin is beautiful and, for now, an excellent place to live. But Wisconsin will be here forever. While this means that we have to take care of our state, it also means that there will be a *good* time to continue with plans to operate the Crandon Mine. I have faith in technological improvements, and would much rather wait for the knowledge on how to safely neutralize or store the acid drainage, than to someday think back to all of the damage done that could have been avoided.

Think of your friends, your family and yourself. Think about everything and everyone you would hurt by the Crandon Mine. Then support the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Thank You,



Elaine Crahen

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306 N, State Capitol Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Julie Christofferson
PO Box 534
Adams, WI 53910

Dear Chairman Duff,

I am writing because I am concerned about the effects the Crandon Mine could have on Northern Wisconsin. I understand that mine supporters are contending the new mine will bring with it many new jobs. I believe that the numerous negative effects the mine will have on our Northern Wisconsin communities far outweighs this. For this reason I would like to express my support for the Mining Moratorium Bill that was recently passed by our State Senate.

I understand that the Exxon's proposed copper/zinc mine at Crandon will directly affect the Wolf River and the water shed of the Wisconsin River thus really affecting all of us in Northern Wisconsin. Direct dumping of acidic wastes into the Wisconsin River could be disastrous. Many tourists come to Wisconsin from the cities to enjoy our unpolluted nature. The mine would discourage the millions of tourists that vacation along or own cottages along both the Wolf and Wisconsin Rivers. Considering that Northern Wisconsin generates \$5-\$6 billion a year in revenue and renewable jobs is it really worth it to pollute these water sheds as well as the miles of pure wetland where the dumping site for this mine is proposed to be for something as temporary as a copper mine?

The least we can do is force Exxon and Rio Algom to show that they have in the past made some progress through mining without harming the environment and the surrounding communities. The Mining Moratorium Bill is the only way to make sure that these two companies don't leave us with a horrible environmental problem in the long run.

Sincerely,



Julie Christofferson

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306 N State Capitol, Box 8952
Madison WI 53708

Dear Mr. Duff:

I am writing you in concern of The Mining Moratorium Bill.

If the mine is built it would be located near the headwaters of the Wolf River. The Wolf River, located in Northern Wisconsin, is one of the cleanest and most scenic rivers found in the state of Wisconsin. The mine would threaten the groundwater and any wetlands that are near by polluting them with sulfide-ore mining. When sulfide rock mixes with water, it makes sulfuric acid and lets out toxic, heavy minerals. Sure the mine will have a tiny impact on jobs however, it will draw-down area lakes and groundwater by pumping out 2-3 million gallons of water per day, for around 25 years. This mine would make a toxic sludge pile the same size of 332 football fields, 90 feet deep. Is this worth ruining the environment for?

I think building this mine is very bad idea and very harmful to the environment. I hope you take this letter into consideration when it comes time to vote. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Gramza

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4004-86th Street
Kenosha, WI 53142
December 9, 1997

Chairman Marc Duff, Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Box 8952, Room 306 N
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Sir:

I am writing you to express my interest on the Mining Moratorium Bill that cleared the Senate in favor of preservation on March 11, 1997.

It has just recently been brought to my attention how detrimental the Crandon mine would be to our environment, especially to our fresh water supply. In the few articles that I have read, I have learned of the toxic sludge pile Exxon wants to create, and how seriously it would pollute the Wolf River. My family owns a cottage in Northern Wisconsin on Lake Tomahawk, to which we have always enjoyed fishing, swimming, and watching the changing seasons. I have grown to appreciate nature and it upsets me that the Crandon mine could steal this from me.

Although I have only begun my research on the Crandon mine and what Exxon proposes to do with it, I wanted to extend my support on the Mining Moratorium Bill. I believe it is for the better good of nature and for us, the people of Wisconsin.

If you have any further information, please do not hesitate to send it to me, for I would like to anything within my power to preserve my environment now and for the future.

Sincerely,


Sarah J. Riley

December 9, 1997

Emily Rosene
329 Bigelow
Whitewater, WI 53190

Chairman Marc Duff
Natural Resources Committee
Room 306
State Capital Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chairman Marc Duff:

I am writing this letter regarding the Moratorium Bill. I feel very strongly that the mining should be stopped. The mining that is being done is polluting our water and taking away part of our environment. It is also taking away from Wisconsin's tourism. People come here to enjoy the beautiful scenery and the woods and this mining that is being done is ruining that.

The bill that is about to be passed says that the mining will continue if Exxon-Rio Algom partnership can prove that there will be no water pollution. I believe that if they can indeed prove that this will take place, that a lot of the pollution can be controlled and that people will be more happy about it.

I believe that we need to take into consideration what people have to say about this issue. Just to think about what will happen if the mining stops would be unfair. What the mining is doing right now, is polluting something that we could, one day, never be able to get back to its original form. Polluted water is not useful to us and we need to be concerned about this. Pretty soon we will have no place to get fresh, clean water and by stopping the mining, we would be helping out in the environment.

I hope that this letter makes you think a little bit about what the mining is doing. If we stop the mining, we will be preventing a lot of problems that could happen in the future.

Sincerely,



Emily Rosene

Dear Mr. Duff,

My name is Alex Hohlstein. I am a twenty-two year old student at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. Being an active fisherman in both the Summer and Winter seasons, I am concerned about harmful toxins that may accumulate in our lakes, rivers, and streams. Mining is directly responsible for much of the pollution in Wisconsin's waters. Have you ever caught a fish that was unhealthy? If you have then you can surely understand my point. If not, the last thing that you want to do is eat that fish. It also makes you wonder if any of the fish in that lake or river (or any lake or river) are safe. That is a disturbing feeling! I understand that many jobs will be created by the Crandon Mining Company, But in actuality many of these positions will be very specialized, calling for out of state workers. I appreciate your position. That is why I am confident that you will do what is best for the state of Wisconsin by voting for the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Sincerely,

Alex E. Hohlstein

12-9-97

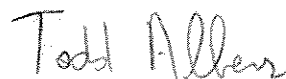
Dear Chairman Marc Duff:

I am writing regarding my concerns about the possibility of a zinc and copper mine being established in Forest County, Wisconsin. We need something that will regulate the mining in our state, so we can continue to have clean and usable water. This is why I hope that you will do everything in you power to pass the Mining Moratorium Bill. It is very important that this bill gets passed, so that we can save Wisconsin's lakes and rivers.

The lakes and rivers in Wisconsin are very important to the lives and health of all Wisconsin residents. We rely on the lakes and rivers for food, recreation, and personal use. We get a lot of fish from our lakes, plus there are a lot of people that have homes and cabins right on the river or lake. It is very important that these water systems are clean and usable. Under the Mining Moratorium Bill, the mining companies must prove that they have safely mined in other areas, without polluting the water system, for 10 years while in business, plus another 10 years after they stopped mining in the area. How can we make sure that this pollution wont happen here. Nothing is 100% sure, and one small accident may cause the lakes and rivers in Wisconsin to become polluted. Then what would we do?

This mine is only intended to last for 25 years. Is that worth the risk of pollution our lakes and rivers? Is it also worth wasting all of our usable ground water for the mine, instead of letting families use the water for their personal use. I really hope that you will make a quick and favorable vote to pass the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Thank You,



Todd Albers

December 13, 1997

Rep. Marc Duff
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Rep. Duff:

I have enclosed a list of individuals who are interested in learning more about the Mining Moratorium Bill. Could you please send them a letter or brochure summarizing the position of those opposed to this bill?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Czarapata". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Betty Czarapata
S77 W19688 Sanctuary Dr.
Muskego, WI 53150
(414) 679-4996

The following people would like information regarding the Mining Moratorium Bill:

Betty Czarapata
S77 W19688 Sanctuary Dr.
Muskego, WI 53150

Wm & Armenta Kolkoski
S70 W17668 Muskego Dr.
Muskego, WI 53150

Glenn Elger
S66 W18704 Agate Dr.
Muskego, WI 53150

Gloria Rasmussen
W142 S7513 Freedom
Muskego, WI 53150

Frieda Sprague
S68 W14397 Gaulke Ct.
Muskego, WI 53150

Sample

December 22, 1997

Mr & Mrs William Kolkoski
S70 W17668 Muskego Dr
Muskego, WI 53150

Dear Mr & Mrs Kolkoski:

My office was contacted by Betty Czarapata who indicated you are interested in learning more about the mining moratorium, Senate Bill 3. The bill is expected to be debated in the Assembly during the January floor session.

An impartial legislative attorney determined SB 3, as passed by the Senate, is flawed so that it would not impose a moratorium on metallic mining in Wisconsin and does nothing to protect the environment from unsafe mining. I'm not sure it is the intent of its supporters to have a bill passed that does nothing to protect the environment.

However, if SB 3 is enacted creating a true suspension of mining in Wisconsin, it could create other serious problems. One is the potential violation of constitutional property rights, leaving state taxpayers liable any compensation awarded to those denied the ability to utilize their mineral rights. Secondly, a moratorium would not extend to tribal lands because they're governed under Federal law. Considering the billion dollar ore deposit on the Mole Lake Reservation, this should be taken seriously.

I support making Wisconsin's mining and environmental laws some of the toughest in the nation. As a result, I voted for several bills to further enhance our laws regulating mining. However, I do not support an arbitrary ban on mining or any other industry.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Marc Duff
State Representative
98th Assembly District

MD/mlb

September 2, 1997

Representative Marc Duff
1811 East Elm Grove Road
New Berlin, WI 53151

antimine

*REP 19
9-9-97*

Dear Representative Duff:

We are writing to you on a strictly non-partisan basis. We strongly urge you to bring Assembly Bill 70, the mining moratorium, out of the environmental committee which you chair. The bill is a brilliant piece of legislation. The overwhelming response of the public and the Senate make that more than evident!

This bill addresses mining in a very comprehensive manner and does not ask anything unreasonable of the industry. It can set an example which other states may follow. It has all the potential of being a trendsetter, for which Wisconsin can be very proud.

As Wisconsites who have spent their entire lives hunting, fishing, and hiking in northern Wisconsin, we are strongly opposed to the greedy interests of corporations like EXXON and Harnischfeger. They offer employment as a selling point for their cause. Long-term employment for vast numbers of workers in a mining community is a myth. The record of the industry speaks for itself.

You are a representative of the citizens of Wisconsin, and it is your duty to duly serve the interests of the majority of the people, not to adhere to special interests. We hope you will proceed responsibly, intelligently, and with the best interests of our pristine environment in mind. Bring this bill out of conference and return it for assembly vote in the exact same form in which you received it! We'll be watching your stewardship closely!

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert and Nancy Vogt
3125 S. California Street
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Mr. Duff,

Was nice to meet with you in your office Jan 5TH.
Although the hearing was cancelled, I would still
urge your support for ATR 76.

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I would still urge you to reconsider your stance
on the Binding Moratorium. Crandon mine site is too
delicate an area to make a mistake, environmentally.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter written to the
Sheboygan Press concerning the inaction on the
Sheboygan River clean-up. Please use your influence
wherever you can to get this project moving.

Thank You

Allan W. Witt

Pigeon River Bait & Tackle

2322 N 15TH ST.

Sheboygan Wn 53083

920-457-2092

Fax 920-457-6497

Tecumseh plan makes river cleanup seem like pipe dream

It is with great dismay and deep reservations that I am prompted to write this letter. The latest action concerning the cleanup of the Sheboygan River is just the latest in a way too long line of delays, studies and inaction.

For a company like Tecumseh Products Co., which has been an active and willing partner in addressing the cleanup, to release a report containing absolutely nothing of substance indicates to this writer that no one involved ever intends to actually clean up the river.

Constant stalling by the Environmental Protection Agency, Tecumseh, Kohler Co. and the Department of Natural Resources has cost taxpayers millions of dollars that could have been used to do actual cleanup work.

This project has been studied to death. It is time **TO DO THE WORK!** Users of the river have waited too long and are sick of bureaucratic nonsense.

I am writing from the perspective of a fisherman. (I own Pigeon River Bait & Tackle in Sheboygan.) We have suffered reduced fish stockings, lost revenue from health scares, and a declining charter fleet. Many area businesses such as mine depend on people coming to the Sheboygan area to fish and vacation. Lately everyone goes elsewhere.

Kerry De Keyser of Tecumseh writes that PCBs are no longer affecting spring and fall salmonid runs. This is mostly true, but De Keyser completely overlooks the fact that the She-

boygan River could be one of the top smallmouth bass fisheries in Wisconsin. The populations of fish are already present. I have caught 2-3 lb. bass right next to Tecumseh's plant in Sheboygan Falls. Therefore, I dispute Tecumseh's claim that the upper river is not suitable for reclamation.

In addressing the river as a whole, I have initiated a project that addresses such issues as dam removal, public access fishing parks, buffer zones, etc. The goal of this ambitious project is to have a clean, free-flowing river from Millhome Dam to Lake Michigan. This also includes the Mullet and Onion rivers. We could have sustainable bass, pike, walleye and panfish populations along with trout and salmon runs throughout these waters.

Is it too much to ask that these be healthy contaminate-free fish? I think not.

It is the responsibility of all parties who pollute the river to address the cleanup. This would involve removal of contaminated sediments. Obviously 100 percent cleanup is beyond practical expectations. But every effort should be made to remove as much as physically possible.

A free-flowing river will eventually clean itself, but with dams in place this is not possible. Dam removal and dredging of all silt deposits (including the lower river and harbor) will, in this writer's opinion, be the most palatable and effective cleanup.

One step in the right direction has been the work Kohler Co. has done

with insulating runoff from their land fill. It no longer flows into the river. Other projects could include creating buffer (green) zones along the riverbank to prevent agricultural and barnyard runoff from reaching the river.

My proposal has been presented in part to various local groups, i.e. Sheboygan County Conservation Association, the Sierra Club, the DNR, and generally has been well received. It will be a long, time-consuming and expensive project.

When accomplished the Sheboygan River would be a jewel that we could be proud of.

The time to stop talking about it and start doing the cleanup is now. Any and all comments would be appreciated.

ALLAN W. WITT
Sheboygan

Buchholz, Marsha

From: AStasiewsk

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 1997 10:08 PM

To: Rep.Duff

Subject: Mining Moratorium

I'm e-mailing you to ~~express my strong support for the Mining Moratorium Bill.~~
This bill is the best chance we have to protect Wisconsin's water and
environment from mine pollution. Please reconsider your support of this
bill!

I had heard you quoted in the news as saying that you don't feel that this
bill will protect Wisconsin's water from mine pollution, and that you were
working on other ways to protect our water. Can you please contact me with
any details on your other efforts?

Allen Stasiewski, Waukesha

*NO Address —
Email him*

1308 Wilson St. Apt. A
Onalaska, WI 54650
January 20, 1998

Representative Marc Duff
Wisconsin 98th Assembly District
Room 306 North
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Representative Duff:

My name is Kimberly A. Skroch. I am a 23 year-old senior at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse with a major in environmental biology and a minor in business administration. As a native of Wisconsin, I am concerned about the issue of sulfide mining in our state. Especially in those areas deemed as environmentally sensitive such as the site chosen by Exxon near the scenic Wolf River.

I have researched this topic for a great deal of time now, and am familiar with the claims being made by both opposing sides on the issue. I am not a member of some radical environmental group, but a rational, educated student, and I urge you to vote in favor of the Mining Moratorium Bill.

I don't agree with the argument that "Wisconsin's environmental laws are tough enough, so we don't need a Mining Moratorium Bill," and the claims that "if the mine will not be safe, they will not construct it." For too long we have allowed corporate business to impose their will on our natural resources, and we, the taxpayers, are left with the bill for cleaning up their mess. It is time we hold them accountable for their actions before some hazardous disaster endangers the landscape, wildlife, and welfare of people surrounding the project. Besides, if the mine will truly be safe, the bill will only reinforce the argument Exxon and its supporters have been making all along.

And furthermore, I do not believe that the mine will provide jobs to a large number of people in the Crandon area. With some sense of business, one must know that Exxon is not going to waste money by training people in Forest County. The mine will pull in already skilled, unemployed mine workers from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The only thing this mine will provide to the people in the area is a lot of false hope, (oh, and of course royalties to those who have signed leases with Exxon), until the company pulls out after 5-10 years leaving behind a ghost town.

Again, I urge you to vote for the Mining Moratorium Bill. Put the interests of the Wisconsin people before the interests of corporate business and politics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kimberly A. Skroch

Dear Assemblyman Duff,

17 July 1997
Ottumwa

The Boy Scouts of America Southeastern Wisconsin Council of Racine and Kenosha counties operates their Summer Camp, R. S. Lyle, in Elcho, Wisconsin - 15 miles from Grandeur.

Camp Lyle has 3 lakes on its property, and every year hundreds of Boy Scouts from Racine and Kenosha counties enjoy a tubing trip down the Wolf River.

The possible effects of the proposed Grandeur mine worry me. It would almost certainly ~~be~~ alter both the ecology and the water table of R. S. Lyle and the surrounding area.

It is for that reason, Mr. Duff, that I ask you to take whatever steps you deem appropriate to lead to the passing of the Mining Moratorium Act, AB70, and the ecological security of Camp R. S. Lyle. Thousands of Boy Scouts from the Racine and Kenosha counties may have you to thank for their great time at camp in the summers to come.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Palocz

Alfred Palocz

2514 ILLINOIS
RACINE, WI 53405 414/554.9688

To State Representative July 29 '91
Marc Duff

During the past year I have been studying sulfide mining and its effects on our environment. Eppon now the DNR have been able to give an example of a similar mine anywhere in North America which has not caused significant water & ground pollution.

Please do not change the bill HB 70 in any way. It says it all. Let it pass & then start working on stronger mining laws without mining company influence.

Thank you

Mrs. Margaret Lember
3775 S 27th

Milwaukee, Wis
53221

WI Assembly Representative
State Capitol

Terry D. Stark
P.O. Box 55412
Madison, WI 53705
July 20, 1997

Antimine

Honorable Representative *MARC DUFF:*

Please support the Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill.

I believe sulfide mining poses a grave threat to some of our cleanest water resources in Wisconsin. As you know, Exxon proposes to dig a huge copper and zinc mine at the headwaters of the Wolf River by Crandon, Wisconsin. The area around Crandon is like a sponge soaked full with clean water. Since water would seep into the mine and become contaminated, Exxon proposes to pump over a million gallons a day out of the mine, pipe the contaminated wastewater 38 miles, and dump it in the Wisconsin River.

Worst of all, however, would be the gigantic pit the size of 350 football fields, filled 90 feet deep with toxic chemical tailings which Exxon would leave behind when it closes the mine in 26 years. It will remain extremely toxic virtually forever (for over nine thousand years). It would be located right at the headwaters of the clean Wolf River.

Please do not allow this to happen! The pristine water in the Wolf River Watershed attracts tourism to the area, and provides jobs. Before Exxon is allowed to operate that mine, they should prove to us elsewhere that it can be done safely. Please do not allow them to experiment in an area that has some of the cleanest water resources anywhere in Wisconsin. Protect our tourism!

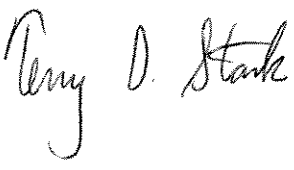
PUT WISCONSIN AHEAD OF INCREASED PROFITS FOR EXXON.

In 26 years the mine will close. We will be left with the waste forever.

PROTECT OUR **TOURISM** BY KEEPING THE IMAGE OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN
ONE OF **NATURAL BEAUTY**, NOT SULFIDE MINING.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SULFIDE MINING MORATORIUM BILL.

Yours truly,



ROBERT TURNER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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July 24, 1997

Mark M Giese
1520 Bryn Mawr Ave
Racine WI 53403-3606

Dear Mr. Giese:

Thank you for your letter regarding Senate Bill 3/Assembly Bill 70, relating to the issuance of metallic mining permits for the mining of sulfide ore bodies. I appreciated hearing your comments on this measure.

As you may know, Senate Bill 3 has passed the State Senate on a vote of 29-3, and currently resides in the Assembly Committee on the Environment, chaired by Representative Marc Duff. That Committee held a public hearing in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, on May 12th on the bill, and plans to hold a second public hearing in early September in the Milwaukee area.

You may also want to contact Representative Duff and express your support for SB 3/AB70. His address is Room 306 North, State Capitol, PO Box 8952, Madison WI 53708; his office phone number is 608/ 266-1190.

I certainly share your concerns regarding this issue, which is why I am a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 3/Assembly Bill 70. I do anticipate that this legislation will eventually come before me in the Assembly, and I will be voting in favor of it.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Robert Turner

Robert L. Turner
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

RLT/lav

*Dear Rep. Duff:
Please join Rep.
Turner in supporting
this legislation.
Thank you.
Sincerely,*

JUL 28 1997

Member: Assembly Committees on Highways and Transportation, Ways and Means,
Labor and Employment, State Building Commission



Reply 7-28-97

Elizabeth J. Bates
8114 W. Chestnut Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
July 22, 1997

Marc Duff, 98th District
P O Box 8952
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Please vote in favor of the Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3 / AB70).

As I understand, it is **imperative** that you move it out of committee and send it to the full Assembly for a vote as soon as possible.

I cannot believe that there is any Wisconsinite who understands the implications of this bill who would not support the Moratorium, as is, with no qualifications.

To keep it out of the Assembly and let it die is certainly a vote against Wisconsin, our resources, our health, our future.

Thank you,



Elizabeth J. Bates,
a concerned voter

reply
6-27-97

June 09, 1997

Mr. Marc Duff
State Representative
PO Box 8952
Madison WI 53708

Dear Mr. Duff,


I am writing to advise you of my support for the Mining Moratorium Bill. One of Wisconsin's most valuable assets is our natural resources, which once lost will never be recovered. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to protect these assets to the very best of our ability, not only because it is the right thing to do for the environment but it is the right thing to do for the continued health of this fine state. It seems only prudent that we take the extra time needed to assure that any commercial, for profit, or other venture will not adversely impact our natural resources.

I am also very concerned with what I view as Exxon's poor track record on environmental issues. They did not take the necessary steps to protect an Alaskan coast line from a disastrous oil spill and I do not believe that they will take responsibility for the protection of the Wolf River or the surrounding watershed.

I would urge you to add your support to a mining moratorium bill which would provide the necessary protection to the natural beauty of this state and insure that this protection is not sublimated to a short term desire for profit.

I would appreciate hearing your views on this matter.

Best Regards,


Jerome m McCutcheon
5123 N Santa Monica Blvd
Whitefish Bay Wi 53217

5 May 97

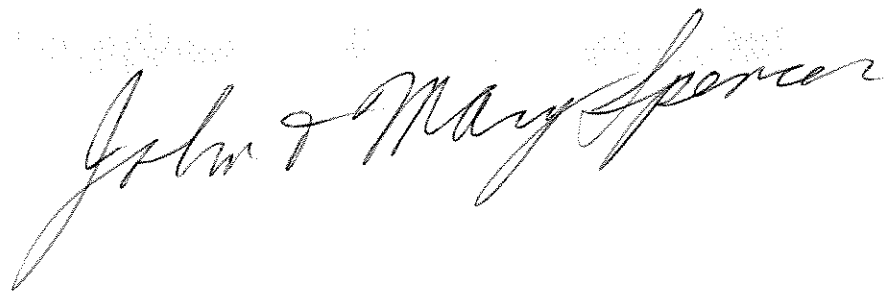
Rep. Marc Duff
Room 306 North
Madison WI 53702

Dear Rep. Duff;

I am writing to let you know that I am supportive of environmentally-responsible mining and the benefits that it would bring to Forest, Oneida and Langlade counties. I am not supportive of the mining moratorium, based on among other things, the fact that it is unfair. Mining is a permissible, permittable activity in this state. Crandon Mining Company, and all other mining companies, should be treated fairly and not be subjected to rules and regulations that are aimed at banning, not regulating, mining.

Thank you for considering my point of view on the mining moratorium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John & Mary Spencer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

5 May 97

Rep. Marc Duff
Room 306 North
Madison WI 53702

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Sincerely,

Jana Vandew Berg

5 May 97

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Madison WI 53702

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^{WE}
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Thank you for considering ^{our} ~~my~~ point of view on the mining moratorium.

Sincerely,

Melvin L. Davidson
Ginda N. Davidson



Suite 290, 16655 West Bluemound Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005 (414)782-2934

June 10, 1997

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

Dear Representative Duff:

If I understand your May 29, 1997 letter to me correctly, I am indeed elated. In the third paragraph you state the following: "No mine in Wisconsin will be permitted or allowed to operate if there is any possibility it will contaminate water bodies or harm the environment."

This sounds better to me than comments attributed to Representative Black. But, please do not misunderstand. Wisconsin needs more elected Representatives to say and do exactly what you are espousing.

I think it is time for us to stop any industry, governmental unit, or individual for that matter, from contaminating or irreparably harming the environment. Rivers can no longer be regarded as low grade sewers. Every Wisconsinite should be able to drink from them.

Forested regions should no longer be regarded as a crop land similar to a corn field. Clear cutting is ruining whole ecosystems all over Wisconsin.

Unbridled road building and urban sprawl are decimating the countryside and eroding not only the environment, but our very quality of life.

And, mining anywhere near lakes and streams in Northern Wisconsin would be the biggest travesty of all.

If you make good on what you say to me in a letter, you can count on my support for a very, very long time.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Smart
President
Charing Company, Inc.

DAS:ccc



Suite 290, 16655 West Bluemound Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005 (414)782-2934

March 21, 1997

Representative Marc Duff
3645 Emberwood Drive
Brookfield, WI 53005

Dear Representative Duff:

As a businessman in your area, I want to encourage you to support the mining moratorium.

I suspect you are not a supporter at present, but I understand your committee will be holding hearings in the very near future. This is not just about any old mine. It is heavy metal sulfide — the worst! It is not about any mining company. It is Exxon and Rio Algom — the worst! And it is not about any place in Wisconsin. It is at the headwaters of one of the largest fresh water bodies of water in the world.

This issue is about pitting one valuable Wisconsin resource against the other. And, fresh clean water, frankly, is a lot more important to Wisconsin than copper or zinc.

Please help pass the mining moratorium in the same form as the Senate did.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Smart
President
Charing Company, Inc.

DAS:ccc

William F. Norton
5560 N. Santa Monica Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53217
414-332-4522

for morat.

May 27, 1997

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

RE: Mining Moratorium Bill


Dear Representative Duff:

Today I received information in the mail from the Coalition for Fair Regulation, a group organized by the Crandon Mining Company that supports mining in Wisconsin. They state that "....anti-mining special interest groups....over-regulate or ban one industry (mining) without sound research or scientific fact...." They imply that banning mining jeopardizes efforts "....to make Wisconsin a better place to do business...."

I believe that Wisconsin's natural resources and natural habitat are its most valuable resource and should be preserved. I have never seen any evidence that mining interests have worked to preserve habitat on a long term basis anywhere they have mined. The history of mining is one of relatively short term job opportunities and, by its nature--dig it out and move on--transitory commitments of mining companies.

I hope you support a Mining Moratorium Bill if not a ban. Thank you.

Sincerely,



William F. Norton

Rhinelanders Telecommunications, Inc.

May 8, 1997

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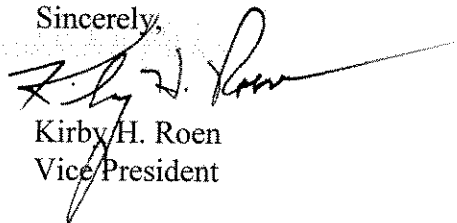
Representative Marc Duff
Room 306 North
State Capitol
Madison WI 53702

Dear Mr. Duff:

The reason I am writing you is to let you know that I am supportive of **environmentally responsible** mining and the benefits that it would bring to our area. The mining moratorium is unfair and I cannot support it. Mining is a permissible, permittable activity in this state. Why should any company be subject to rules and regulations that are aimed at banning rather than regulating mining.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Kirby H. Roen
Vice President

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Mr. Marc Duff
Assembly Environment Committee Member
PO Box 8952, State Capitol Rm. 306-N
Madison, WI 53708

no reply sent

May 30, 1997

Dear Mr. Marc Duff,

Our Company uses about 16 rail car loads of mined raw materials per day...365 days per year. We employ over 2000 employees, with a majority of them in Wisconsin.

We produce glass, including coated glass that has more insulating value than most walls in homes, businesses and schools. This product greatly reduces energy needs and landfill waste.

We are the 100% supplier to Anderson Windows (world's largest window maker) and a major supplier to most of the numerous window/door makers in Wisconsin (Medford, Wausau, Eau Claire, Bloomer, Hawkins, etc., etc.).

We require five different mined raw materials. These mines, like the Ladysmith mine, are environmentally sound and have proven to be good for the economy. Our plants (and suppliers) meet all DNR regulations.

No one enjoys clean water, clean air and the pleasures of the environment more than I do. I am a real supporter of preserving nature (I visited the Ice Age Interpretive Center near New Auburn this past weekend).

HOWEVER, we don't need a Mining Moratorium Bill!! We have regulations that protect the environment. We as a State should value the positive economic impact provided by responsible mining!!

Those supporting the moratorium should realize they are hypocritical...they want to drive cars that need metal (from mining), windows for their houses (from mining) wear watches/jewelry (from mined metal), etc., etc.. BUT, also want a moratorium!? They will drive up prices by limiting the availability of the raw materials. Transferring the responsibility for appropriate environmental controls to other states who encourage mining, but have fewer regulations is NOT in the best interests of Wisconsin or the environment.

I strongly encourage your opposition to the mining moratorium and support for clean air, clean water and a strong economy.

Sincerely,

Mel Bollom

Mel Bollom,
Human Resources Manager

CC: Coalition For Fair Regulation

5 May 97

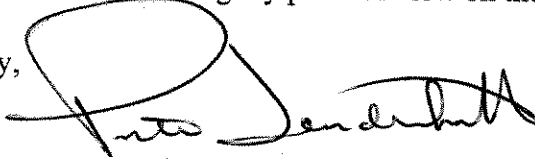
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Sincerely,



Peter Jendryak

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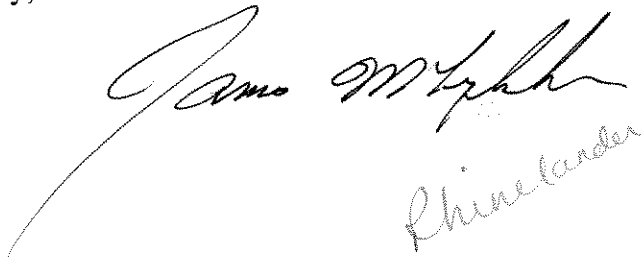
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Sincerely,



James M. Lander

5 May 97

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Madison WI 53702

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Sincerely,

Catherine LaChapelle

5987 Forest Ln

Rhinelanders WI

5 May 97

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Madison WI 53702

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Sincerely,

Dave J. Wick

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Thank you for considering my point of view on the mining moratorium.

Sincerely,

Bernie Dart
2968 Wausau Rd.
Rhinelander, WI, 54501

Bruce, Wis
May 5, 1997

Glambeau Mining Company,

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing in regards to the Mining Moratorium Bill which has been introduced in the State Assembly. There is no need whatever for such a bill with the modern technology of mining today. The Glambeau mine at Ladysmith is a very good example of this. All the charges of pollution to the Glambeau river, fish dying, air pollution to the city of Ladysmith did not happen at the Glambeau mine. I visited the mine & seen for myself. This has also been a much needed economic boost to Ladysmith, the town of Grant, and Rush County, as a whole, with new buildings being built for industries in the county, which will have a long term economic impact, with money obtained from the mining industry. The state of Wisconsin has also benefited. I feel if we have resources here in Wis. that can be safely mined we should do so, and Glambeau Mine has proved this to be true.

Yours truly,

Paul Huras

W12977 Hwy 8

Bruce, WI 54819

715.868-6853

8/22/97

The Honorable Mark Duff
Wisconsin State Assembly
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Rep. Duff:

As a member of Wisconsin Citizen Action, I am writing to urge you to vote for the Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3/AB70), as passed by the State Senate.

The Mining Moratorium Bill is reasonable and necessary. It is not a ban on mining, as some opponents assert. It merely requires that, before a company like Exxon can build a metallic sulfide mine in Wisconsin, they have to show one example of a similar mine that has operated for 10 years and been closed and reclaimed for 10 years without polluting surface or groundwater.

Why should we risk Wisconsin's precious Northwoods and the Wisconsin and Wolf rivers until we know it's safe? These areas provide an estimate \$6.6 billion in tourist revenue to our state every year. It is the place where families go to fish and recreate. Who wants to go fishing next to a toxic waste dump?

As a taxpayer and citizen of Wisconsin, I am not willing to risk our water until I see some proof that Exxon's experimental technology works. I hope you are not willing to take that risk either. I urge you to support the Mining Moratorium Bill and oppose any efforts to weaken it in the State Assembly.

I look forward to your written response.

Sincerely,

Anita Marquardt

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Anita Marquardt
728 George St
Green Bay WI 54302-2418
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