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October 16, 1997

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

Dear Representative Duff:

As an attendee at the public hearing on Tuesday on SB 3/ AB 70, the Metallic Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill, I registered in support of the bill, and also for an opportunity to testify at the hearing. Unfortunately I was unable to stay at the hearing long enough for my turn to speak, and so I am submitting my testimony in writing. Please accept this testimony as evidence in support of this precautionary bill. I am sending copies to the other members of the Environment committee. Thank you.

It is a known fact that ground- and surface-water pollution accompanies sulfide mining. As an example of the scale of this pollution, I quote from the Masinaigan Supplement (1996), and from the National Wildlife Federation publication of toxic chemical releases by a sulfide mining company.

Highly toxic threats to the ecosystem are posed by the presence in water of the metals chromium, copper, lead, silver and zinc. Copper needs only be present in water in amounts of 12 parts per billion in order to cause liver damage in fish and wildlife. Similarly, silver in amounts of 0.12 parts per billion in water is extremely toxic. Both of these metals are found in acid mine drainage, a result of water mixing with the tailings and waste rock by-products of sulfide mining. (To put this in perspective, think of 1 part per billion as 1 minute in 2000 years.)

Kennecott Copper is a company circling our farms and hills in west central Wisconsin, looking for potential mine and ore processing sites. In 1987, Kennecott Copper reported toxic chemical releases for that year to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I imagine much to their chagrin, since they've not volunteered similar reports since then. Among the chemicals released to land, air, and water were copper and copper compounds in amounts totalling over 130 million pounds. This was in 1987 alone, from one Kennecott facility. 7,900 pounds of copper compounds found its way into water bodies near this mine. Remember, 12 parts per billion of copper in water is highly toxic. Among the other toxic chemicals released by this mine were arsenic, barium, zinc, chromium, lead, sulfuric acid, cadmium, hydrochloric acid, cresol, and chlorine.

I have to ask, how much toxic waste is too much?

And, is this little problem of water pollution a reasonable trade-off for embracing the sulfide mining industry in Wisconsin? Industries with such stellar records as Exxon and Kennecott?

This industry is described by the chairman of the economics department at the University of Montana, as unstable and "mature." Unstable because it isn't characteristically a permanent asset to the economic life of an area, lending itself more often to boom and bust impacts. "Mature" because the technology applied to the process has always allowed fewer workers to do more work, so that the promise of jobs is ephemeral and stingy at best.

The point at which the environmental impacts and economic impacts of sulfide mining intersects is in the taxpayers' pockets. Pollution is not just an aesthetic or recreational concern. It's also an economic liability, to people and municipalities who must pay more for potable water, and who through higher taxes, pay for Superfund cleanup expenses at over 60 sulfide mines in this country.

I think it bears mentioning that the people who would have to live with sulfide mines in their communities are the ones who had to travel the farthest to attend this hearing. You could not have located the West Allis hearing much farther from both the proposed Crandon Mine site and the areas of western Wisconsin where Kennecott Corp. has been leasing land for exploration purposes. Of course, none of these people are your constituents, so I guess they don't matter. I bore with your committee at the Ladysmith hearing from start to finish, registering to speak there when I arrived and waiting till after 10 PM to speak. A long drive home followed that hearing. I appreciate that many who did not attend the Ladysmith hearing needed to speak in West Allis before I did. However, I don't believe in accidents, and I think it was no accident that all of us from Trempealeau County spoke last in Ladysmith and would most likely have spoken after midnight this past Tuesday. Your fear of seeing the strong support for SB 3/ AB 70 in Crandon/Nashville and west central Wisconsin, and your prejudice in opposition to this bill is very clear.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Maslowski*

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NOVEMBER 10, 1997

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Sincerely,

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KAY ZAUNER  
2640 SHERATON RD  
BROOKFIELD WI 53005

Oct 6, 1997

To: Representative Marc Duff  
State Capitol - Madison, Wis

Subject - Mining Moratorium Bill  
Crandon, Wisconsin

By definition a moratorium is a temporary suspension of an activity. Does this bill mean some kind of compromise as 10 years goes by rather quickly? If some comparable hydrological site is proven to be mined without causing underground or surface water pollution does this mean research can or may be able to neutralize the mine water pollution at the source? Lets compare how sewage pollution problems have been handled with forceful measures.

At one time the city of Chicago discharged sewage into the Chicago River which in turn flowed into Lake Michigan. It raised a furor! The flow of the Chicago River was reversed to join with the Illinois River to the west. For flushing and domestic purposes 10,000 cubic feet of water was withdrawn from Lake Michigan each second of time. In 1930 the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the city to build adequate sewage treatment plants within 10 years and reduce the take from Lake Michigan to 3000 cubic feet per second. To further protect Lake Michigan Milwaukee later was forced to construct a deep tunnel to store untreated sewage for processing. These are strong messages of not polluting beyond the source.

All who are opposed to the moratorium should first visit the abandoned open pit copper mine at Butte, Montana. It has become a major hazard site and is a threat to Butte. It is nationally known as the Berkeley Pit - now filled with mine water to a depth of several hundred feet and still rising. The mine water is called "battery acid" by the natives and the toxicity confirmed by tests.

I visited the site in 1973 when the mining was still in progress and again in 1991 when it had become a huge body of toxic water. It would not be difficult to visualize what such a volume of mine water <sup>would</sup> do to a discharge area.

I think a ban rather than a moratorium is in order until research on a "deep tunnel" storage can resolve the problem. The protection of the public from sewage pollution took drastic measures. The same should hold for all forms of water pollution. Corporate profits must be secondary to public health and the environment that provides and protects a safe domestic water supply.

Uic Hedman  
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October 22, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
306 North  
PO Box 8952  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff;

This letter is in support of the Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill. I attended the hearing on October 14 and listened to more than two hours' testimony.

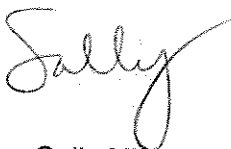
All of us should be concerned about the dangers of sulfur mining. Why should Northern Wisconsin be the guinea pig for an unproven, unsafe technology? Once the pristine Wolf and Wisconsin Rivers are trashed, they cannot be reclaimed. We don't need:

- ◆ A waste tailings pile the size of 3 football fields
- ◆ The largest toxic waste dump in Wisconsin's history
- ◆ Pollutants that need to be isolated from air & water for thousands of years to prevent water contamination.

We should cherish our natural resources as a PRICELESS aspect of Wisconsin's quality of life. People from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois visit our north woods year 'round (I am an active member of the Nordic Ski Club). People from all across the U.S. visit Door County and other parts of Wisconsin on a regular basis. Tourism is an important industry to our state.

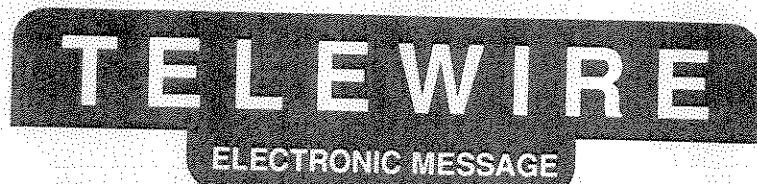
If people want higher paying jobs, they can move to larger cities such as Green Bay, Madison, or Milwaukee. As a small business owner, I suffer from our low unemployment rate. I post job openings for months before getting even two responses. More jobs – especially temporary jobs – are not a good enough reason to destroy forever our unique environment.

Sincerely,



Sally Miles Heuer

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Sincerely,

MAUREEN NEITZ  
15636 W EL DORADO DR  
NEW BERLIN WI 53151



**Buchholz, Marsha**

**From:** Hotline

**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 1997 11:10 AM

**To:** Rep.Duff

**Subject:** Legislative Hotline Message

Representative Duff;

You have received a new call from the Legislative Hotline from:

Eric and Holly Kuusinen  
1030 Highland Dr.  
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Date: 10/13/97

Time: 11:17:27

**NO CALL REQUIRED**

Please support the mining moratorium bill.

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Sincerely,

PAUL & EILEEN ACKER  
4550 S HEARTHSIDE DR  
NEW BERLIN WI 53151

**Buchholz, Marsha**

**From:** xd11@juno.com

**Sent:** Thursday, October 2, 1997 4:07 PM

**To:** Rep.Duff

**Subject:** Exxon Mine

Hello representative Duff:

I am very much opposed to the building of a mine near the Fox river. It is my desire that you vote on assembly bill #70 with your constituents concerns with regards to keeping this mine out of Wi. and the Fox river valley.

Stuart Vogel 950 Wilson Dr. Brookfield Wi. 53005

**Buchholz, Marsha**

**From:** Hotline

**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 1997 2:38 PM

**To:** Rep.Duff

**Subject:** Legislative Hotline Message

Representative Duff;

You have received a new call from the Legislative Hotline from:

Michael Zientek  
14435 W. Park Ave.  
New Berlin, WI 53151

Date: 10/16/97

Time: 14:39:02

**NO CALL REQUIRED**

Please support the mining moratorium bill.

**Buchholz, Marsha**

**From:** Hotline

**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 1997 10:17 AM

**To:** Rep.Duff

**Subject:** Legislative Hotline Message

Representative Duff;

You have received a new call from the Legislative Hotline from:

Sister Mary Ellen Paulson  
2367 S. 84th St  
West Allis, WI 532272501

Date: 10/17/97

Time: 10:18:20

**NO CALL REQUIRED**

She strongly supports the mining moratorium bill. Thank you for having the hearing this week. She hopes you got the message. She would like to hear from you.



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Vice President - Marketing & Sales  
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October 31, 1997

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

Dear Representative Duff:

On October 14, 1997 I testified at the Assembly subcommittee hearing **against** SB3, the proposed mining moratorium Bill. I understand that this Bill will come to a vote in the very near future and I feel that it is critical that you know specifically why myself and several hundred of my colleagues are **strongly opposed to this Bill**. I am copying this letter to the 900 of our more than 2,500 employees who are residents of the State of Wisconsin as well as to hundreds of our retired employees who continue to reside in our State.

- This Bill is **not** a moratorium on mining as professed but rather it will effectively **ban** future mining in our State. Neither Crandon Mining Company nor any other mining company will be able to meet the arbitrary and highly subjective requirements of this Bill. Firstly, the prospective mining company has to find a "**similar**" mine in the United States to the one they propose to operate in Wisconsin. In real terms, this requirement is impossible to meet since all mineral deposits are as unique as a finger print. Secondly, even if a mine could be found that would qualify as "**similar**", the similar mine has to have operated for 10 years and have been closed for 10 years without an environmental incident. It just does not make sense to judge the environmental impact of a **new** mine on the performance of an **old** mine that utilized at least 20 year old technology. Finally, this is a **ban** not a moratorium because **no** mining company will spend money to try to get a mine permitted in our State in the future considering the ambiguous and subjective nature of this legislation. Arbitrary and subjective law is bad law.
- This Bill is **unfair**. It is grossly unfair to change State laws halfway through due process. Changing the regulatory process mid-stream, before all of the scientific evidence is submitted, is akin to asking a jury to render a verdict before all of the testimony has been heard.
- This Bill could prove to be **hypocritical**. Each person in our State consumes **40,000 pounds** of minerals and **7,000 pounds** of coal each year! If this Bill is approved, we are effectively telling our fellow Americans that Wisconsin will consume, but we will not contribute! Mining is our State's heritage; one only has to look at our State flag or "Bucky Badger" for evidence of this fact. The badger was long the mascot of mining before it became the mascot of our State.

October 31, 1997

- Current Wisconsin State mining laws were written over a four year period of time between 1979 and 1982. Legislators, Indian tribes, environmental groups and the DNR all participated in writing the strictest State mining laws in the United States to supplement already strict Federal mining laws. Why are the strictest State mining laws in the United States now insufficient? Why is the DNR and its long time Director now deemed to be incapable of administering the strictest State mining laws in the United States? Almost **66%** of your constituents have stated that if this mine is approved by the DNR, it should be allowed to proceed.
- This Bill will put over **98,000** jobs and more than **150** companies in your State at risk. That is the total number of your constituents and companies that earn their living either directly or indirectly from the mining industry. While many of us will receive no direct benefit from the Crandon mine, we all receive indirect, long term benefits from seeing these worldwide customers remain financially viable.
- Some have said that this is a vote between jobs or the environment. This is simply not true. I can assure you that the overwhelming majority of your 98,000 constituents, if not all, are environmentally sensitive citizens. Quite frankly, neither myself nor my other mining colleagues would work in this industry if we did not think that our industry was environmentally responsible which it most definitely has been over the past 25 years. This is not a vote of jobs in deference to the environment. Wisconsin mining law already guarantees that we don't have to make a choice between the two.
- I implore you to research the facts. Only **2** State Senators took the time to visit the Crandon mine site prior to the Senate vote. Of the 3 votes cast in opposition to the Bill, 2 came from the Senators that took the time to research the facts before they voted.

This Bill is arbitrary, subjective, unfair, discriminatory, hypocritical and unnecessary. Please vote **NO!**  
Let common sense prevail.

Sincerely,



Timothy W. Sullivan  
Vice President Marketing & Sales

Dear Representative Marc Duff: ✓

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I look forward to the outcome of this bill. Thank you

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Robert A. Roth  
Laverne E. Roth



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Sincerely,  
Milan Roth  
Brenda Roth

DONALD N. MATHEWS  
41 Lake Drive  
Gresham, WI 54128

7 November 1997

Dear Representative,

Maybe by the time you receive this letter, the Assembly Environment Committee will have cast their ballots on the Mining Moratorium Bill. Regardless of the outcome of their votes - your vote with the full Assembly will have a great impact on SB-3.

I realize you have heard all the "pros" and "cons" of this bill so I won't go into much detail with my request in asking you not to support the passage of the Mining Moratorium Bill.

The bill is unfair because it singles out a single industry. It does not allow for the people of Crandon to decide their own mining issues. It does not support the Department of Natural Resources.

The people of your district have voted for you to represent them in the mining program. Again, many of them and myself strongly urge you to oppose the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



DONALD N. MATHEWS

I believe mining matters in Wisconsin



November 11, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
State Capitol; Room 306-N  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708-2605

Dear Mr. Duff:

We will begin our thirty-sixth year of business in Wisconsin in 1998. I started this company thirty-five years ago with a \$5,000 investment and one employee. We are now one of the largest material handling companies in the nation and are also very proud to be one of the top 100 privately held companies in the State for the third year, per the attached article from *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. This accomplishment is due, in part, to fair legislation in the State of Wisconsin. The fair legislation has made Wisconsin a leader in our country and we must continue to support the business community.

I have been an active follower of the present mining moratorium issue and strongly recommend that you vote against this bill. It is unfair and unprecedented to ban a single industry in Wisconsin. We need to allow Forest County to decide their own fate for job creation and economic development. The DNR already has stringent, reliable environmental laws. Your cooperation in voting against this moratorium is very important.

Respectfully yours,

Otto J. Wolter  
President  
Wisconsin Lift Truck Corp.

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# BUSINESS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1997

SECTION D

## WISCONSIN 100

Wisconsin Lift Truck Corp.  
ranks among top 100 privately held companies  
in the state for third year

The Wisconsin 100 is an annual list of the state's major, privately held companies, ranked by annual sales. The list is compiled from questionnaires returned to Arthur Andersen, a provider of audit, business advisory, tax and corporate specialty services.

The list is limited to Wisconsin-based companies with 25 or more full-time employees and gross revenue of more than \$10 million, excluding co-operatives, utilities, non-profit organizations, construction, real estate and financial services companies or subsidiaries of publicly held or out-of-state corporations.

The 1997 Wisconsin 100 is an annual ranking and recognition of the largest privately held companies in the state. In 1985 Arthur Andersen initiated this special program to call attention to the vital contributions private businesses make to the state's economy. The list ranks companies by sales, as determined by a voluntary survey.

### 1997 WISCONSIN 100

1997 RANK	1996 RANK	COMPANY NAME	LOCATION
1	1	S.C. Johnson & Son	Racine
2	-	Manard, Inc.	Eau Claire
3	3	Schneider National, Inc.	Green Bay
4	2	Kohler Co.	Kohler
5	4	Quad/Graphics, Inc.	Pewaukee
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87	86	Gardetto's	Milwaukee
88	94	Gordon Flesch Company, Inc.	Madison
89	95	National Business Furniture, Inc.	Milwaukee
90	89	V&H, Inc.	Marshfield
91	-	Schreier Maltng Co.	Sheboygan
92	98	Vinyl Plastics, Inc.	Sheboygan
93	91	Van Bortel Ford, Inc.	Green Bay
<b>94</b>	90	<b>Wisconsin Lift Truck Corp.</b>	<b>Brookfield</b>
95	93	Brodbeck Enterprises	Platteville
96	87	Independent Metals Co.	Germanstown
97	69	AR Accessories Group, Inc. (formerly Amity Leather Products Co.)	West Bend
98	92	Inland Detroit Diesel - Allison	Butler
99	100	Wisconsin Label Corporation	Algoma
100	—	The DeLong Co., Inc.	Clinton

William G Piper  
13555 Lannie Ct  
Elm Grove, WI 53122-1339

October 1, 1997

Rep. Marc Duff, Chair  
Committee on Environment

Dear Rep. Duff,

I am writing to communicate my viewpoints relative to the proposed mining moratorium bill, SB3, that is currently before the Wisconsin State Assembly. This bill, if passed, would effectively ban mining in Wisconsin. As a retiree of Bucyrus International, I know that over 800 jobs currently held in that company, and thousands more throughout Wisconsin, depend on a strong domestic mining industry. Wisconsin has been a key supplier of equipment and services to the mining industry for decades and I am proud to have been a member of that industry. There is absolutely no reason why our industry, and the economy of the state, should be jeopardized by unfair regulation.

The current mine site permitting process in Wisconsin is among the most stringent in the U.S. and certainly worldwide. A mine will not be permitted unless it demonstrates through its environmental impact statement and plan that it can and will comply with all levels of regulations. So you see, the people and the environment in the State of Wisconsin will be adequately protected, no matter what! In spite of this, the legislation currently being proposed would establish a unique precedent which would ban an entire industry without the benefit of due process of the state's regulatory structure. It is simply not good business to ban any industry outright. The legislation before you is arbitrary, vaguely worded, open to broad interpretation and simply does not provide any additional environmental protections for our citizens.

Minerals are critical to our society and to the economic viability of Wisconsin. Each citizen in Wisconsin uses over 40,000 pounds of minerals annually. We are fortunate to have rich resources here in Wisconsin and these resources can be used in an environmentally responsible manner. Anything less would be unacceptable! Vote NO on SB3. Mining matters to Wisconsin Workers.

Sincerely,

William G. Piper




# Crandon Mining Company

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Representative Marc Duff

**FROM:** Dale Alberts, Crandon Mining Company 

**DATE:** October 3, 1997

**SUBJECT: EXAMPLES OF ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MINES**

The attached list of successfully reclaimed sulfide mines and mines that are in the process of being reclaimed was prepared to help you respond to mine opponents' postcard campaign that claims no sulfide mines have ever been operated and reclaimed without creating environmental problems. This list was developed by Debra Struhsacker and Jeffrey Todd, the mining industry environmental experts who performed the survey of environmentally responsible mines that was presented at the Milwaukee meeting last February.

The attached list and the Todd-Struhsacker survey of environmentally responsible mining prove that mine opponents' allegations are false. There are examples of responsibly operated and closed sulfide mines. Thanks to the use of sophisticated environmental protection technology and stringent and comprehensive regulations, the modern mining industry can boast many significant environmental accomplishments - including successful reclamation.

## EXAMPLES OF RESPONSIBLY OPERATED AND CLOSED SULFIDE MINES

MINE	LOCATION	METAL(S) MINED
<b>Completely Reclaimed Mines</b>		
Bulldog Mine	Colorado	Lead and Silver
Borealis Mine	Nevada	Gold
Cannon Mine	Washington	Gold
McDermitt Mine	Nevada	Mercury
Pinos Altos Mine	New Mexico	Copper
Thunder Mountain Mine	Idaho	Gold
Edwards Mine	New York	Zinc
Nevada Copper Mine	Nevada	Copper
<b>Mines Being Reclaimed</b>		
San Luis Mine	Colorado	Gold
McLaughlin Mine	California	Gold
Kendall Mine	Montana	Gold
Climax Mine	Colorado	Molybdenum
Island Copper	British Columbia	Copper
Mineral Hill	Montana	Gold
Tonopah/Hall Molybdenum	Nevada	Molybdenum
Flambeau Mine	Wisconsin	Copper

## Prentiss, Mike

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**From:** IBA[SMTP:iba@execpc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 1998 1:02 PM  
**To:** All Assembly  
**Subject:** Oppose SB 3/Mining Moratorium

**TO:** Members,  
Wisconsin State Assembly

**FROM:** Chess Erwin, Chair  
Environmental Committee  
Independent Business Association of Wisconsin

**RE:** Opposition to SB 3/Mining Moratorium

The Independent Business Association of Wisconsin (IBA) opposes legislation, SB 3, currently before the Legislature imposing a temporary moratorium on the licensing of new metalliferous mining operations in the state until certain conditions are fulfilled by mining project applicants.

IBA opposes this bill because:

It is wrongheaded economic and environmental policy.

It fundamentally misapprehends the mission and responsibilities of Wisconsin environmental regulators.

It has direct and quantifiable impacts on major Wisconsin-based mining equipment manufacturers.

It would deny the opportunity, otherwise potentially available, to many northwoods residents for gainful employment in industries other than tourism and forest products.

In short, it sabotages a major opportunity for ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION in a region where such options are far and few between in the name of "technologically unattainable zero environmental impacts" on the region's air and water resources.

It is poor economic policy primarily because it would deny area residents and local units of government in the vicinity of the proposed mine even the option to make a living or fund local services out of revenues other than those derived from the region's narrow economic base of tourism and forest products. Concerns over "boom/bust" economic cycles and severe negative impacts on area water resources, particularly the Wolf River, are after all the stock in trade of, for example, the Mining Investment and Local Impact Fund Board (a multi-agency body established for the express purpose of mitigating the known vagaries of the mining industry) and the DNR. Let those agencies, themselves creatures of the Legislature, do the jobs for which they were created in the first place based on the technical merits of the proposal submitted by the Crandon Mining Company, NOT on the basis of emotional appeals regarding the desecration of "Mother Earth".

DNR Secretary George Meyer opposes this bill not just because of his concerns over the merits of this approach to the controversial



development project, but instead, because he is acutely aware of the negative precedent it would establish for DNR decision making in other controversial development projects of the future. Quite apart from whether the technical standards required to be achieved by the bill ever can or would be, the legislation leads directly to the conclusion that somehow the process set up by the DNR to evaluate mining projects, arguably the toughest in the USA, is fundamentally biased in favor of mining and thereby fatally flawed. Nothing could be further from the truth. Proponents of the legislation know that is what George Meyer is getting at in opposing the bill.

Finally, this bill will have direct and potentially significant economic consequences on two of the largest mining equipment manufacturers in the world, Bucyrus Erie, of South Milwaukee and Harnischfeger Corporation, of St. Francis. Although obviously not owner managed businesses like most IBA members, these two Wisconsin companies have weathered the forces of change and restructuring in their industry. They have survived and even gotten stronger because of their responses to the wrenching changes worldwide in mining conditions and technology. It is a poor precedent, indeed, for the Wisconsin Legislature to preclude two major economic entities in Wisconsin from the opportunity to benefit from a major project in their own backyard when and if the Crandon mine is actually licensed.

In short, the Independent Business Association of Wisconsin respectfully urges you to VOTE 'NO' on SB 3, the Mining Moratorium bill.

7443 N. Beach Ct.  
Milwaukee, WI 53217  
October 12, 1997

Dear Representative Duff,

In your position as Chairman of the Assembly Environment Committee I am asking that you make sure the Mining Moratorium Bill you send to the assembly floor is rock solid and protects our state's water and earth.

I believe it is totally reasonable to ask Exxon to prove their mine will not pollute our water with an example of another mine that has done so. Perhaps Exxon spends thousands of dollars on sappy TV and print advertising rather than on proof of a non-polluting sulfide mine because there are no non-polluting mines of that sort.

Yes, the proposed mine will bring jobs to Crandon, but after Exxon has taken what they want and closed shop, the grandchildren of the mine workers will have neither jobs at the mine nor jobs with the tourist industry - they, and all of us down river will have an irreversible mess that cannot be cleaned up.

When my husband finished school 14 years ago and we were looking for a place to for him to start his practice, we choose Wisconsin. I remember specifically the day we decided - the sky was blue and cloudless, the air fresh, and the lake was sparkling - the parks all around we green and clean - you could just tell that Wisconsin was a place that cared for the earth and valued the environment. I hope this is still true.

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Wooten



8041 North Linksway  
Milwaukee, WI 53217  
October 27, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
306 North  
P.O. Box 8952  
State Capitol  
Madison 53708

Dear Rep. Duff:

I was not able to attend the public hearing on the Mining Moratorium Bill, so I am taking this opportunity to express my views. I am deeply concerned about the quality of water in our beautiful state. Until such time that it can be demonstrated over a long period of time that the mining of sulfide does not pollute groundwater or surface water, I hope that Exxon will be denied permission to dig a mine in the vicinity of Crandon. I urge you to lend your weight to the endeavor of conservation-minded citizens to pass a strong mining moratorium bill in the assembly.

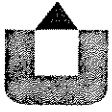
Thank you for considering these sentiments.

Sincerely,



Jay R. Brickman





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November 12, 1997

Senator Scott L. Fitzgerald  
310 S., State Capitol  
PO Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53702-7882

Re: **Senate Bill 3**

Dear Senator Fitzgerald,

On October 14, 1997, the Committee on the Environment of the Wisconsin State Assembly held a public hearing on Senate Bill 3, which is a moratorium or ban on metallic mining in Wisconsin. While it may appear that this legislation is not related to the solid waste industry, I am very concerned with the nature, intent and course of this type of legislation.

As you know, the Crandon Mining Corporation is proposing an underground zinc and copper mine in Northern Wisconsin. The removal of sulfide rock needs to be disposed of in a modern landfill. That landfill, which will be in excess of 200 acres in size, is one of the major features of the mine. Many misinformed opponents fear that this landfill will result in groundwater and surface water contamination. A campaign of misinformation and misdirection has resulted in the propagation of Senate Bill 3. This bill is a moratorium or ban on metallic mining and contains language which is vague and ambiguous. In effect it requires that we use old technology and would prohibit a legal, economically important activity that would comply with the necessary regulations and requirements. It also prohibits the DNR from approving this activity and circumvents the process by which DNR can evaluate and approve environmentally responsible projects.

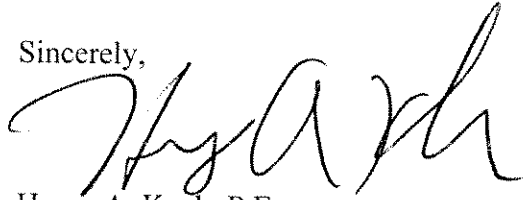
USA Waste is very concerned that this type of legislation could be expanded to ban other industries or more specifically could place a moratorium on the development of new landfills. The waste industry can be very proud of its accomplishments in Wisconsin, the high environmental standards it has achieved and its ability to work within the rules and regulations and standards prescribed by the State Legislature and WDNR. Such moratoriums circumnavigate this history and could result in a ban on the development of new landfills by a small group of misdirected individuals who are manipulating the legislative process.

November 12, 1997

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If you have any questions, or if we can provide additional comments or assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H.A. Koch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Henry A. Koch, P.E.  
District Manager

cc:  Representative Marc C. Duff  
Representative Timothy T. Hoven  
Representative DuWayne Johnsrud  
Representative Eugene Hahn  
Representative Lorraine M. Seratti  
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Representative Bonnie L. Ladwig  
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Ladysmith, Wisconsin  
October 23, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
Room 306 North State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison Wi 53708

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Dear Representative Duff:

I was one of the thousand or so who gathered in Milwaukee to speak out about our concerns with the use of our resources. I drove three hundred miles so I could declare my support for the mining moratorium bill which after nearly a quarter of a century of being involved in the mining controversy I feel is absolutely essential.

Now you have a perfect right to your opinion but as a public official your handling of that public hearing on October 14th left much to be desired. The people who supported the moratorium bill were well informed and within their rights to express that support. Your bias toward the manufacturing corporations was blatantly obvious.

After attending that hearing I can surely see why I left the Republican party some twenty years ago.

It is my hope that there will be a great change in our state legislative members at the next election. If our environment is to be protected that's a must.

Respectfully,

Roscoe Churchill

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October 6, 1997

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

Dear Representative Duff:

I am writing to communicate my viewpoints relative to the proposed mining moratorium bill, SB3, that is currently before the Wisconsin State Assembly. This bill, if passed, would effectively ban mining in Wisconsin. As a retiree of Bucyrus International, I know that over 800 jobs currently held in that company, and thousands more throughout Wisconsin, depend on a strong domestic mining industry. Wisconsin has been a key supplier of equipment and services to the mining industry for decades and I am proud to have been a member of that industry. There is absolutely no reason why our industry, and the economy of the state, should be jeopardized by unfair regulation.

The current mine site permitting process in Wisconsin is among the most stringent in the U.S. and certainly worldwide. A mine will not be permitted unless it demonstrates through its environmental impact statement and plan that it can and will comply with all levels of regulations. So you see, the people and the environment in the State of Wisconsin will be adequately protected, no matter what! In spite of this, the legislation currently being proposed would establish a unique precedent which would ban an entire industry without the benefit of due process of the state's regulatory structure. It is simply not good business to ban any industry outright. The legislation before you is arbitrary, vaguely worded, open to broad interpretation and simply does not provide any additional environmental protections for our citizens.

Minerals are critical to our society and to the economic viability of Wisconsin. Each citizen in Wisconsin uses over 40,000 pounds of minerals annually. We are fortunate to have rich resources here in Wisconsin and these resources can be used in an environmentally responsible manner. Anything less would be unacceptable! (Vote NO on SB3. Mining matters to Wisconsin Workers.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Rychwalski

Representative Marc Duff  
Chair; Committee on Environment  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison; WI. 53708

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Sincerely,

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Representative Marc C. Duff  
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Dear Representative Duff:

On behalf of the mining industry in Wisconsin, thank you for holding the hearing in Milwaukee October 14. We appreciate the time you took to hear from the public on this matter.


We want to thank you for taking the time to hear from all voices and for conducting the hearing in a very organized and impartial way.

We look forward to a similar impartial response by the DNR regarding the science of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Louise Hermsen

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Sincerely,

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October 14, 1997

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REP. MARC DUFF  
P.O. BOX 8953  
MADISON, WI 53708

DEAR REP. DUFF,

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF SB 3. IT HAS BEEN APTLY POINTED OUT BY DNR SECRETARY GEORGE MEYER THAT IT WOULD NOT INCREASE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW. WISCONSIN'S EXISTING LAWS ARE EXTREMELY STRICT AND CRANDON MINING HAS AGREED TO MEET THOSE STANDARDS. THEY ARE UNDER AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER A MICROSCOPE AND IF THEY CAN NOT MINE CLEANLY, THEY WILL BE SHUT DOWN. TECHNOLOGY TODAY IS LIGHT YEARS AHEAD OF OLD MINING OPERATIONS. TAILINGS CAN BE ISOLATED AND THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTED.

CRANDON MINING IS TAKING A HUGE RISK TO TAKE PART IN WORLDLY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. WISCONSIN'S LEGISLATORS SHOULD BE PROUD OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS. WE SHOULD WELCOME CRANDON MINING IN WHAT WILL SURELY BE A WIN/WIN FOR EVERYBODY INSTEAD OF THROWING UP HURDLES AT EVERY TURN. ALLOW THE DNR TO DO THEIR WORK AND ALLOW EXISTING PROTECTIONS TO DO THEIR WORK. VOTE NO FOR SB 3.

SINCERELY,



CHRISTOFER EVANS

Dear Representative Duff,

You may not remember me, how could you with nearly 1,000 people trying to get your attention at the second public hearing on the Mining Moratorium Bill in Milwaukee, but I was very impressed with the way you conducted the hearing.

I, myself, did not choose to speak during the hearing but rather to write you instead. Personally, I did not like the rudeness and bad manners the so-called environmentalists showed us, the pro-mining people, when we walked up to the P&H press tent next to the Trade Mart building. I felt that if I spoke my mind during the hearing it might cause a reaction from the opposing side again.

What I would like to say is this, mining, logging and farming produces all of our raw materials -- that's a fact. Have you ever asked yourself why the "environmental" groups have been attacking these industries, using misleading "facts" and scare tactics? Whenever an issue involving mining, logging or farming comes out, they come out of the woodwork waving a red flag and babbling on about how this is going to hurt the environment.

I keep hearing the same saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." Whatever happened to the homily, "Consider the source." I have to ask myself if the Devil would call you up a lot, would you listen to him?

I no longer train horses exactly the way I did 20 years ago. If I would have continued in that manner, they would no longer place in today's horse shows. I am sure you do things differently than the person that sat in your office 20 years ago. Yet your committee is considering putting a moratorium on an industry that operates a lot different today than 20 years ago because of modern technology. Does this Mining Moratorium Bill make horse sense to you? It doesn't to me.

I am asking you to please say NO to the Mining Moratorium Bill.

Thank you,

  
Janet Bowman

September 16, 1997

Rep. Mark Duff  
1811 S. Elm Grove Rd.  
New Berlin, WI 53151

Dear Rep. Duff:

I was pleased to hear that you will be allowing a public hearing on the Mining Moratorium Bill in the near future in the Milwaukee area. Many people would appreciate the opportunity to express their opinion on this bill.

I realize the intense pressure that you must be receiving from the mining industry and related businesses to keep this bill bottled up in committee. Please remember, however, that the \$5-6 billion a year tourism industry in Wisconsin in another industry that should receive your attention.

Our North Woods, groundwater, and rivers need protection. Putting their long-term quality at risk would seem irresponsible especially since Wisconsin has not needed sulfide mining in the past.

The track records of Exxon and Rio Algom leave much to be desired, and sulfide mining, in general, has left a trail of environmental destruction wherever it has gone. Please do not allow Wisconsin to be their next victim.

I urge you and your colleagues to ~~bring this bill forward for~~ legislative action. Considering the public's interest in this bill, it would seem tragic not to allow the democratic process to go forward.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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cc: Members of the Assembly Committee on the Environment

Louise Quigley  
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Oct. 15, 1997

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

Dear Representative Duff,

I was at the West Allis rally yesterday in favor of AB70, the mining moratorium bill, but could not stay to speak at the hearing due to having to take family members to the airport. I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the mining moratorium bill.

The group American Rivers describes the Wolf River as one of the top ten rivers in the United States for its pristine beauty and the biological richness of its headwaters and its danger. The danger stems entirely from Exxon's would-be Crandon mine, and other mining operations which could follow it. It would be really stupid public policy to destroy such a treasure forever.

Nor would it serve the area's population economically to destroy this area environmentally. A New York Times article this week discussed the situation in Utah, where President Clinton greatly increased the size of a wilderness reserve area: at the time the residents were furious at the loss of development rights -- but ever since the wilderness was protected, they have been struggling to keep up with the tourism boom. In other words, keeping a pristine area in its environmentally whole condition can create far more jobs than destroying it for resource extraction. This would be especially true in the case of the Wolf River, since Exxon has already presented plans which call for bringing in workers from elsewhere and creating only about 200 new jobs for locals. It is only partly for this reason that the people of the area have voted against allowing Exxon to have its mine there. They value their beautiful North Woods as well as knowing that in a state which does have a large tourism component to its economy, it only makes sense to preserve the environment which supports that tourism.

I would also like to make you aware that the apparent support for the Exxon mine which you may have seen at the Oct. 14 hearing was very heavily weighted by Harnischfeger company, which makes mining equipment and which bussed in a large number of its employees to attend and create the appearance of a citizen presence against the mining moratorium. I myself saw them getting off their bus with my own eyes. These people were being paid by their company to be there and register or perhaps even speak against AB70, and may even have been concerned about keeping their jobs if they refused; in contrast, every speaker and registrant in favor of AB70 was there on their own time, and some may even have been losing pay to attend. When your committee weighs the hearing registration and testimony, it should try to find out how many of the people who registered or spoke against AB70 are Harnischfeger employees, and judge those entries according to their non-citizen-initiated nature.

AB70 is not a luddite bill: it does not even ban sulfide mining. It only requires that the technology proposed for use be proven to be non-polluting before being put into practice in one of the purest and most scenic spots in Wisconsin and the United States. This is eminently reasonable. Please support AB 70, and do all you can to have it passed into law. Please keep me informed of what you do. Thank you.

Louise Quigley

804 S. Main Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981

October 5, 1997

State Representative Marc Duff  
Wisconsin Assembly  
State Capitol  
Madison WI 53702

Dear Representative Duff,

I have received the notice for the hearing on the Mining Moratorium Bill in Milwaukee on October 14. Unfortunately, I cannot attend that hearing. I would like to have my letter read into the minutes of the hearing. Thank you.

I wish to go on record as ~~strongly opposing the Crandon mine~~ project whether it drains into the Wolf OR the Wisconsin River. To that end, I am in favor of the Mining Moratorium Bill and would like to see the bill recommended to the Assembly, moved out of committee and the Assembly vote on it.

The Crandon mine, if approved, would certainly be an example wherein the river users would lose and a big business, Exxon, would gain. Many small, family businesses who serve the tourists, fishermen, paddlers and skiers would also be badly hurt. I know that Exxon claims that any minerals they flush into a river would be made harmless. However, these rivers have developed their cleanliness and equilibrium over centuries. Different compositions being flushed into either river cannot help but change the chemistry and impact the life of the river.

We need action to PROTECT the Wolf River!

Sincerely,

*Carol Elvery*  
Carol Elvery

cc: Representative Lorraine Seratti  
Representative Spencer Black  
Representative William Lorge

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Representative Marc Duff  
306 North  
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Dear Rep. Duff:

I am writing to you to express my great concern over the potential environmental threat posed by the proposed copper and zinc mine run by EXXON. I urge you to send a strong mining moratorium bill to the assembly floor, with confidence that the citizenry of Wisconsin supports this action. I know of no one, other than those who would benefit financially from this mine, who supports it. The thought of mining in the Wolf River area is anathema to concerned citizens, no matter who was doing the mining. The fact that EXXON is virtually synonymous with environmental damage (following the Valdez spill and their cavalier attitude regarding the impact on both the environment and on the livelihood of the local fisherman), certainly creates even greater fears of what lies ahead if they are allowed to mine in Wisconsin.

Given that the DNR reports that no sulfide mine in a similar ore body has ever operated without polluting ground and surface waters should suffice as grounds for a moratorium on mining in the Wolf River Area. I urge you to take appropriate action to block any attempts to mine in this area. It is time that big business was stopped from destroying our environment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Karen J. Maroda, Ph.D.*



Christopher M. Vernon  
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October 15, 1997

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

Dear Rep. Duff:

I attended the Mining Moratorium Bill hearing at State Fair Park, but was among the many unable to speak. I was delighted to see that the majority of those in attendance were in favor of the moratorium, and opposed to the Exxon Mine. I strongly urge you to support the mining moratorium.

I am not opposed to all mining. However, I regard the Crandon Mine as a heinous environmental crime. We must not trust the care of the Wolf River area and of the tourist industries of Langlade County and the Menominee Reservation to Exxon, a company with an unparalleled record of environmental abuse. It's a precedent we shouldn't set.

Some folks at the hearing evoked the miner on the state flag. But those miners used picks and shovels. They just dug holes. They didn't use toxic chemicals and produce millions of gallons of toxic effluent.

My family has owned a hunting and fishing cabin near the Wolf for over 50 years. I've fished for trout and smallmouth on the Wolf. I've rafted it. I've seen thousands of fishermen, rafters, canoeists and kayakers enjoy the Wolf. I've seen lodges, motels, bars and restaurants, gas stations, campgrounds, fly fishing shops and rafting outfitters benefit from this tourism. And for only one reason: the Wolf's pristine beauty.

Mine proponents say the mine will bring up to 300 jobs for the 15-20 year useful life of the mine. Maybe. What they don't say is that the destruction of the Wolf will cost Langlade County and the Menominee Reservation their substantial tourist industries. No one wants to fish, canoe or raft in an open sewer full of toxic waste. And the damage will continue far longer than the mine ever will.

Once the Wolf is trashed, it will take an awfully long time to "untrash" it. If that's even possible. The short-term benefits to Forest Country, and the serving of Exxon's greed, certainly aren't worth environmental degradation on this scale.

As one of the speakers yesterday said, "The ore's not going anywhere if we don't mine it. Let's make sure we really do have the technology to protect the environment." It's pretty clear we don't today. No one seems to deny there will be damage. The only quibbling is over the degree. Let's not do something foolish for brief short-term gain. Please support the mining moratorium.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Vernon

October 14, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
306 North  
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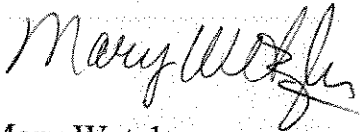
I wish to strongly convey my support for the Mining Moratorium Bill SB 3/AB 70. At the very least this moratorium shall give us ten years in which to be afforded more positive studies indicating just how much clean-up is necessary and how damaging it can be. We need no further pollution of our water supplies by any new industry, such as mining. We have farm run-off, which is more pollution than we need. Indeed, the farms are more beneficial to our livelihood than mining. Farms go on from generation to generation, supplying much needed food products. If we have to spend additional tax dollars I would rather spend these dollars on supporting our farmers in their clean-up and prevention of further problems with run-off.

I strongly feel that we will definitely be spending tax dollars for mining clean-up in spite of what Exxon promises. Their word is not written in stone as far as I am concerned. The damage they inflicted upon Alaska's Prince William Sound in the Valdez disaster and the miles of contamination of the Serpent River in Ontario are not to be forgotten. I do not trust these companies to do a clean-up or to even take precautions. It is all too easy for them to just say "Oops, sorry." Once the pollution takes place it is almost out of their power to adequately repair their damage. Once the money is in their pockets they have very little care about the environment in this state or any other state. We just are not that desperate for jobs that will threaten our tourist trade, our beautiful northern forests and streams, bed and breakfasts, cabins in the woods, bicycling, as well as good, healthy living day-to-day with clean water and land. As far as local communities deciding what industry shall reside in their community - we are not an island - we are all interconnected; we all suffer the consequences. One should always bear in mind in "cleaning up" anything, "a bunch of dirty rags remain."

I want no further pollution in our state. We already have too much to clean up. Why is everyone using bottled water? Because of the volume of pollution that already exists. Even at this juncture our water has to be tested and treated frequently for contamination and we are still not guaranteed that we have tested for all chemical pollution. We simply have to trust that the tests are adequate and that our bodies can adapt well enough to handle these contaminants. We usually find out many years later about the ill effects of contamination, after many people have already been poisoned, have no recourse, and are left unable to pinpoint liability.

No thank you to further mining in Wisconsin. Let us clean up our waters and our land that we have already defiled and keep our state as pristine as possible.

Sincerely,



Mary Wetzler

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REPRESENTATIVE MARC DUFF  
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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DUFF,

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE MINING MORATORIUM BILL,  
SENATE BILL 3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A HEARING REGARDING THIS  
LEGISLATION SCHEDULED FOR THE STATE FAIR PARK IN WEST ALLIS ON  
OCTOBER 14TH, 1997. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO  
ATTEND THIS HEARING AND TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE MINING MORATORIUM.  
IN THAT REGARD, I WANT YOU TO KNOW MY POSITION ON THIS MATTER AND  
THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH I ASCRIBE TO WINSCONSIN IN IT'S RURAL AND  
UNDESPOILED STATE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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Marc Duff  
Chairperson, Assembly Committee on the Environment  
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Dear Marc,

I am unable to attend the public hearing on SB3 which is being held in West Allis tomorrow and I want to let you know my views in this matter. I fully support SB3, the Mining Moratorium Bill. There is no value in risking further loss of Wisconsin's ecological balance and environmental health. Instead, we might benefit from plans to increase plant and animal diversity as well as increasing neighborhood involvement in maintaining what delicate health we presently have.

I cannot imagine that SB3 would not pass if Wisconsin is even half the environmentally protective state I think it is. Thank you for paying attention to my input.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Lazaris*  
Barbara Lazaris

October 12, 1997

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Representative Marc Duff  
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Representative Duff,

EXXON is pressing forward its desire to dig a gigantic copper and zinc mine at the headwaters of the Wolf River near Crandon, WI. If EXXON succeeds, it will be one of the largest mines in North America.

The DNR reports that no sulfide mine in a similar ore body has ever operated without polluting ground and surface waters.

The Wolf River is one of the purest and most scenic in Wisconsin. We need to protect our water resources.

**Please support the Mining Moratorium Bill.** This will prohibit the DNR from permitting a mine in a sulfide ore body in Wisconsin until a similar mine has been operated elsewhere in North America for at least 10 years without causing significant pollution of area ground or surface.

This should allow eventual exploitation of the mineral resource without destroying the the area ground water or the Wolf River.

Thank You



Joseph & Margene Woida

October 13, 1997

Dear Mare Dare,

I would like you to support Senate Bill 3 (SB3). I have lived in Forest County for all of my life but a few short years here. We chose to move back to this county to raise our family because of the way of life and the beauty. Please preserve this for us.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Shelhammer*

Becky Shelhammer

Wabeno, WI

NOV. 3RD, 1997

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DUFF:

APPLETON'S RECENT TRAIN DERAILMENT AND EVACUATION BRING TO MIND THE INCREASED TRANSPORTATION OF TOXIC CHEMICALS USED IN SULFIDE MINING (COPPER SULFATE, SODIUM CYANIDE, AND SODIUM DICHROMATE)... MANY COMMUNITIES ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF WHAT PASSES THROUGH MUCH LESS HOW TO DEAL WITH TOXIC SPILLS.

THIS IS JUST ONE MORE REASON TO VOTE FOR AB70'S MINING MORATORIUM. PLEASE BRING THIS BILL OUT TO BE VOTED ON BY THE ASSEMBLY. YOU'VE HEARD SO MANY REASONS AT THE HEARINGS, TO MOVE WITH CAUTION IN ALLOWING SULFIDE MINING INTO WISCONSIN (ESPECIALLY AT CRANDON IN A WETLAND HEADWATER TO THE WOLF), PLEASE TAKE SOME QUIET TIME AND LET YOUR HEART GIVE A LOVING RESPONSE TO AB70'S REQUEST FOR THE PEOPLE'S SAFETY.

THANK YOU,



PAT DUGAN

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SHAWANO, WI 54166



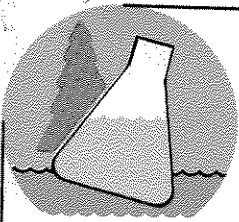
Dear Representative Duff:

I cannot attend this hearing but wish to convey my strong opposition the opening of a mine by Exxon Corp in Grandon.

I do support Assembly Bill 70, the mining moratorium. My husband, friends and myself ask our Representatives to put the environment first.

Lisa Jindrich

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October 8, 1997

Rep. Marc Duff  
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Dear Rep. Duff:

My name is Ron Krueger. I am the president of an environmental testing laboratory in Crandon and a twenty-three year resident of Forest County. This correspondence is not intended to solicit a position one way or another on the Mining Moratorium Bill, but to ask that you consider all pertinent, *responsible* information before you cast this very important vote affecting our future.

I have recently viewed a video produced for your audience by an organization calling itself the Northwoods Alliance for Progress and narrated by Peter Connor, and wish to advise you that this, in my opinion, is definitely **not** responsible information. Be aware that Mr. Connor's family has considerable land holdings and mineral rights in Forest County and might stand to gain significantly if and when mining comes to our county. Also be advised that his depiction of Forest County as a depressed, derelict slum does total injustice to the real local economy up here. As a local business owner, I am appalled that we would be presented to our legislators in such a light. Below are a few *real facts* that will better acquaint you with Crandon:

Contrary to what Mr. Connor would have you believe, the Crandon area presently enjoys a moderately diversified local economy consisting of several successful small to medium employers: **Bemis Mfg.** is a wood products manufacturer with 74 employees in Crandon and 25 in Laona. **Northern Lake Service, Inc.** is a state-of-the-art environmental testing lab, the second largest in the state, employing 40 people. About **15 independent timber harvest operations** in the immediate area employ more than 100 people (many more in Forest County as a whole). **Double K Industries** builds trolley car tour buses and employs 21 people. **Colburn Precision Fabricating** is a metal fabricating job shop that employs 14 people and is presently having trouble finding three or four more. **Forest Tool**, a fast growing tool and die shop specializing in injection molding dies, employs ten people and would hire two more immediately if they were available. **Rosa Trailer Mfg.** employs seven and is also looking for two more. **Lipmans Gifts**, an import gift distributor serving the upper Midwest, employs seven full time employees and five or six more on a seasonal basis. The **Crandon Nursing Home** has about 125 employees. Several local people also work for the **U.S. Forest Service** in either Rhinelander or Laona. Crandon is also a "bedroom" community for the many local folks who enjoy small town living and drive a half hour to work at Rhinelander Paper Company, Triumph Twist Drill, or one of the several other Rhinelander employers who have come to depend on our supply of high quality labor. Mr. Connor also paints a picture of crumbling infrastructure in our area. Crandon's infrastructure is as modern and up to date as any other small town in Wisconsin, and more so than most. Our K-12 school was built in 1991 at a cost of **\$8.1 million**, and with a **\$2.25 million** addition which just opened this year, is the pride of the community. A new high-tech sewage treatment facility costing

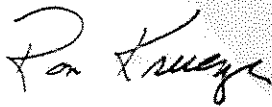
**\$1.5 million** is expected to go on-line within two months. A modern water storage reservoir was constructed in 1993 at a cost of **\$200,000** to augment the existing landmark structure. A brand new city park with a price tag of **\$94,000** is nearing completion. The Crandon community building and city hall are scheduled for a **\$140,000** expansion early next year. Construction of a new **\$700,000** fire barn is also scheduled for 1998. An ongoing fund-raising campaign will raise **\$200,000** to construct a new Crandon Library facility by the year 2000. Construction of an animal shelter, also funded by donations, is scheduled to begin next spring.

These are all commitments that the people of our proud community have made to their future. How many other communities with populations of under 3,000 have committed **\$13 million** to infrastructure investments over a six year period? Poor folks living in poverty and squalor don't make these kinds of commitments. The two new banks that have moved into Crandon in the last four years are further indicators of a high degree of local economic confidence. A review of Crandon high school grads shows that about 43% of them live in this area five years after high school, not 5% as Mr. Connor's propaganda video suggests. This seems like a pretty average percentage in today's mobile society, and certainly not an indication that our area is job poor.

So, you see, things are really in pretty good shape up here. Crandon has prepared well for long-term, modest, controlled growth: a progressive, proud little community right in the middle of the beautiful Nicolet National Forest. Indeed, the fact that Crandon is one of the few special places left in Wisconsin has been a pretty well-kept secret!

As a member of the Assembly, you will soon be voting on the Mining Moratorium Bill. If you believe a major sulfide mining operation is not worth the risk to our fine area until proven waste disposal technology is available, then you will likely vote in favor of the Moratorium bill. If, on the other hand, you feel it is worth the risk now, please don't base that important conclusion on Mr. Connor's malicious and biased video showing us as an isolated outpost of depression, poverty, and gloom, in need of the jobs that this overwhelming development might bring. This is simply not the case, in fact just the opposite is true. A responsible decision in this direction will require that you obtain supporting information from some source other than Mr. Connor's video.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Krueger, President  
NORTHERN LAKE SERVICE, INC.