

Dear Rep. Duff.

Please do not give in to the Environmentalists. Local government should decide what is best for them. Wisconsin should be in charge of its own house. The environmental movement is as close to socialism and ending private rights as it can get.

Please vote NO Thanks you

Mr. Mr. Duff

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DUFF 10-15-97

WE SOMETIMES GET TOO MANY LAWS I OODSE THE MINING MONROBINE BILL AS THIS SITE NEEDS JOBS NOT MORE LAWS. I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT MINES BEING A PHARMACIST, BUT I DO KNOW PEOPLE NEED JOBS. THIS STATE NEEDS A GOOD ECONOMY AND ALSO PLEASE CONSIDER BOOTH



FRANCIS MCALLISTER
2577 S 99TH ST
MILWAUKEE WI 53227-2611

10-16-97

MR. DUFF
I AM SENDING YOU THIS EARLY NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM OPPOSED TO THE MINING MONROBINE BILL. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND AS YOU ARE WORKING ON AND DEBATING WITH THIS IMPROVING BILL.
THANKS !!

Bill Kluge - voter!

Mr. Duff

Please vote NO ON THE Mining Monrobin Bill.

The DNR has Spent money is due to fund the Mining

Project Thank you

Bill Kluge

Short note to inform you that I
oppose the proposed Mining Moratorium
Bill because I believe it will ban an
entire industry from conducting business
in Wisconsin.
Feel the Department of Natural Resources
should be allowed to continue to regulate
their strict scientific standards.
Please, lets keep the jobs in Wisconsin.
If this Bill is passed, many jobs will
be affected, not just mining industry.
NDR = ND

Representative Ruff,
This is in regards to the Mining
Moratorium Bill. I feel this mining
bill would be harmful to the econ-
omy of the state of Wisconsin. I feel
this bill would eliminate this job
and be overdoing the job already
done by the Dept of Natural Resources.
Renold Veta Noord the Mining
Moratorium Bill. I am writing
downward to your position. I
am this important role. I sincerely
must thank you.

Dear Mr DUFF:

pm 11/11/88

I am strongly opposed to the Mining
Negotiation Bill as are all of my
co-workers here at Ingersoll-Rand
Equipment Sales. Not only do hundreds
of potential jobs exist in mining, but
our present jobs depend on it as
well. I urge you not to support
this bill.

Thank you

JOHN DEVINE
Ingersoll-Rand CO.

010-11/11/88

Get your head out of the sand
and let Canada mining start
slipping

RW Brown



Richard Grasse
Box 85
7840 Leary Rd.
Minocqua, WI 54548

Dear Rep Duffy.

I oppose the proposed
Mining Maximum Bill.
If mining is suddenly
regulated it will reduce
heavy jobs for Wisconsin people
and also reduce in mineral
revenue for the state.

Sincerely
Harold W. Brown

I WANT THE MINING COMPANIES
TO FOLLOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL
LAWS AND HAVE OUR REPRESENTS
TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE
WHO LIVE IN THE MINING
AREAS. THEY DON'T MAKE
ANY MORE AND DON'T
SIDE WITH BIG MONEY.

Sincerely:
Edwin Kroger

This is needed to
prepare mining moratorium
Bill.
We do support environmental
responsibility.

WEN CLARINGBOLT
6127 River Road
Engle River, WI 54521

Dear Mr. Duff
I'm writing as a concerned outdoor citizen
on the Mining Moratorium issue. As you
consider this bill, I urge you to review the
mining permit process a legislative already in
place supported administrated by the
DNR. Review of this bill would affect
how an entire industry can carry out
work in Wisconsin, making changes
that threaten to no longer pass
the Mining Moratorium Bill. I look
forward to hearing your position on this
issue. Sincerely, Wen Claringbolt

Dear Rep. Mark Duff
I oppose the Mining Moratorium
Bill. What good are the materials
if they are not mined?
It seems to have been successful
at bad mining.

Wen Claringbolt

Dear Representative Duff:
I strongly oppose the proposed
Mining Moratorium Bill, the mining
permit process and regulatory already
in place and effectively administered
by the DNR. Give me
that the DNR will ~~will~~ take care
of our environment as they are paid
to do, and the area where the
DNR can mine is located has been
a depressed area for recent years
for many years. This bill would not
allow new gold to happen.
Thank E. Calinger

I am writing as a concerned voter & citizen on the issue of the Mining Meritism Bill. I feel the regulations are adequate that are already in place. Passage of this bill would slow our entire industry from doing business in this. Please don't give support for environmental responsibility of voting "no" on the Mining Meritism Bill.

Thank You

LET'S HAVE POLITICS OUT OF REQUESTIVE THE MINE'S MASTERY
AND LET THE OUR DO IT, SAY
"NO" TO THE MINE'S MORTGAGE BILL.

Sam Framer

Dear Mrs. Duff

8/2/97

Please, do not have a Mining Meritism Bill - we don't want to have anyone in this - what happened in Utah Government controlled led gives power to government elected officials. It's not the democratic way. It seems mining is well controlled as in local enterprise does not continue by being stifled. Who is going to pay the taxes they pay - I am NOT ^{entirely} ~~entirely~~ ^{Mayone, P. Duff}

I oppose the proposed Mining Meritism Bill because the bill will in effect slow mining in our state with a substantial reduction of jobs on our part industries and those fore affect jobs.
It will also send a message to many firms planning to invest or expand businesses in Wisconsin that we're anti-business.
Current DNR controls are adequate!

Yours,
Kenneth's Tappin

I oppose the Mining Moratorium Bill because it: 1) assumes all mining is environmentally unfriendly; 2) puts unfair additional obstacles to an industry already having to meet stringent ORE regulations; and 3) usurps the rights of local citizens to decide on whether or not to pursue a mining operation in their area. Please vote NO on this bill, possibly killing it in committee. Thanks.

Thomas Tierney
Purman Mining

The Honorable MARC DUFF
1811 SELM GROVE RD.
NEW BERLIN NJ 05315-2605
AM A REGISTERED VOTER and CITIZEN
The Mining Moratorium Bill That
Commings up in the State Assembly
Please VOTE NO
MANY PEOPLE MIGHT LOOSE JOBS
The STATE MIGHT LOOSE TAX
OSSIE SHADE
823N. 24TH ST. APT# 305
MILWAUKEE WI. 53233-1572
Ossie Shade

9/25/00-11
Dear Marc Duff,
Keep the mining to the
D.N.R. & keep the Pollution out
of it! Good for you and good
paying jobs.
Sincerely
Dore V. Peters
Keller

Discouraging needs long term growth
to promote business. They judges
and jobs are away ahead and
mining would be out of there.
Quit paying levies and let the
A.M.A. do what they put paid for.
Scurrier fees must pay a fee
to protect the environment. I am
A voter and what you to vote
No! on the proposed Mining
Moratorium Bill.

Rep. Duffy

7-3-97

I want you to be aware that a maintenance on mining would be detrimental to the State of Wisconsin. The rule the employment and would prevent from mining. I am glad the DNR can be maintaining the training for the employees that are needed. Very truly yours,
John C. G. Sullivan

Dear Rep Duffy:

I personally believe that thinking can be regulated properly & that is what we need to do. I will state that on the mining maintenance Bill.

Sincerely,
Dimitri H. H. H.

7/15/97

Dear Representative Duffy:

As a concerned citizen and registered voter, I would request voting NO on the Mining Maintenance Bill. The DNR already regulates regulates mining in Wisconsin. Thank you for your support.

John C. G. Sullivan
414-272-3399

Dear Representative Duffy,

I am writing as a concerned citizen on the issue of the Mining Maintenance Bill. The mining industry brings much needed revenue into the state. The Wisconsin Mine has been in compliance with environmental protection laws since 1993. Mining can be safe! Wisconsin's DNR has very tough regulations as it is - we do not need government interfering in it. Public hearings are required before any mine opens. Let the local citizens determine their economic fate. Mining products touch all of us continually - it has to come from somewhere & where it is available, we can not just push it off into another state. I would urge you to vote NO on the Mining Maintenance bill. Sincerely,
Barbara Fischer

Rep. Deft

Mining is safe in Wisconsin and elsewhere. It is more regulated than many industries in the state of Wisconsin.

It creates jobs, just as Indian Casinos do. Not that I'm endorsing casinos.

The India likes to portray that they are the only people who can protect the environment. Take advice around a rez, thank you very much.

Dear Rep. Bruce Duff: 7-14-97 Kankakee, WI

I am writing to you regarding the Mining Moratorium Bill since you are a member of the Gov. committee. Well and I feel there are adequate controls now in place to deal with mining operations. We should allow mines to operate but adhere to strict controls. Thank you for safeguarding our environment. Yours truly, Richard & Della Baker
3724 O'Day St. Rd.
Kankakee, WI 54521

I am a voter in your district and so oppose the proposed mining moratorium bill.

I urge you to reverse the mining permit process and regulations already in place and effectively administered by the Dept of Natural Resources.

Please allow that you support environmentally responsible growth by voting No on the mining moratorium Bill.
Thank you,
Patricia Riden

DEAR SIR:

I BELIEVE THAT CRANDON MINE ISSUES HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY MANY EXPERTS. IT IS TIME TO GET IT UNDERWAY ALL SAFETY REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. KILL THE MINING MORATORIUM BILL AND LET US RESTART OURS CATCH UP WITH WISCONSIN'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

Please

Vote NO on the Nonstaircase

Mining Bill. What good is

protecting the environment if there

are NO jobs and people to enjoy it

I noticed all the protesters came

i Coors & Tractors Fast Track
pollution Dan Rutherford

Thomasdale Repsought

gives us to put your knees
how I feel, and also stand out how

you feel about the mine
line to nowhere

I feel this should be left
up to the DNR to see that

When a regulation is proposed out
of the blue makes you an entire industry

from Wisconsin of industrial mining
we would not have anything like, T.V's

etc. I strongly urge you to vote
NO on this industrial bill

John Carney

2/21/84 2:44

I am writing as a concerned citizen on the
issue of the Mining Nonstaircase Bill

As you consider the Mining Nonstaircase Bill,
may you to review the mining permit process &

regulation's already in place. I particularly administered
by the Dept of Natural Resources' knowledge of the Mining

Nonstaircase Bill would effectively ban an entire industry
from doing business in Wisconsin, sending a message that
business is no longer a pro-favored state.

Please show that you support environmental
responsibility by voting NO on the Mining Nonstaircase

Bill. I look forward to hearing your position on this issue

Sincerely, Roger McHenry

Dear:

As a voter I'd like to
convey my thoughts

regarding the Mining
Nonstaircase Bill. I believe

we should allow the DNR
to regulate mining in

Wisconsin. I am sure they
are going to do a good job

and I am sure they
will. Thank you

Thomas G. Steiner

The Honorable Max Baucus

1-15-77

Regarding the Mining Moratorium Bill I have had calls from both sides of the issue. I think we have good laws and we should ensure those laws are reauthorized with updating those laws do the job. I don't see where stopping all mining would make economic sense for our state & the fact the mine pay should be shared support active enforcement of environmental rules. As you know we have not a total moratorium

Sincerely,
Dwight Dorn

7-8-97

Dear Rep. Duff
The purpose of this brief note is to encourage you to vote NO on the Mining Moratorium Bill.
I believe the DNR is reputable and would not permit mining on any other industry to operate to the detriment of our environment & its "clean water". Our state needs good industry and good jobs, especially up here in the mountain part of the state. With great paying jobs perhaps our only out take could be power - WE have WE WISCONSIN! The Carbon Family, Bob, Al, Gus, & Jim

Mr Duff - Mining in Wisconsin - Carbon and - means jobs - something that is needed - Tax Revenue for All Wis People
Let The DNR Regulate Mining - NOT POLITICIANS
Vote No on Mining Moratorium Bill

I oppose the mining moratorium Bill because it will deny good jobs to many people up here in the north & thereby reducing our welfare level and besides all the mining products from all of our liver every day as to pollution - mining is not compared to what is caused by cars, RVs, motor boats & pleasure craft, automobiles, etc.
Mining is necessary for our everyday life & health

1/14/77
Rep. Mark Duff:

Dear Rep. Duff: I am writing in opposition to the proposed Mining Modification Bill. As you are well aware, the proposed bill is a step back in the way of any individual or Corp. other than myself attending to the needs of the people of Wisconsin. I am writing you to advise you that I have a meeting on the 17th of 3:30 PM. I would like to meet with you on the 17th of 3:30 PM. I would like to meet with you on the 17th of 3:30 PM. I would like to meet with you on the 17th of 3:30 PM.

Dear Representative Mark Duff,

I am writing on the name of the Mining Modification Bill. The people of Wisconsin need the land that a man in power would provide. The products that would be mined are also needed in Wisconsin. Please show that you support an environmentally responsible growth by voting on and the Mining Modification Bill. Sincerely, Mark Duff

1-1-77
Dear Mr. Duff,

John Eldredge
I trust you are taking consideration from residents of northern Wisconsin who support the mining industry. You must know that almost 10,000 people rely upon the mining industry for their livelihood. Those against mining and supporting the proposed Mining Modification Bill are turning the back on the fact itself. The proposed legislation has potential of producing \$19 million in revenue for Wisconsin. Please use your energies to make sure that the mining industry is safe and fair, not on stopping it with a legislative means for income and regional stability. Best Regards, John Eldredge, 610 N. Stevens St., P.O. Box 54541, Madison, WI 53704

HONORABLE MARK DUFF 6/30/77

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and taxpayer to express my opinion to the Mining Modification Bill. This is an opportunity to create jobs and income. Much needed money to our economy. We need to see children leave this area because of limited job opportunities. With a more robust economy, we can have the following investments will have more choice. The DNR appears to have the ability to regulate mining and the mining laws already in effect are more stringent than many other states and other industries are regulated. I am looking forward to hearing your position on this bill. Sincerely, John Eldredge, 3459 Racine Street, Rhineland, WI 53501

Members of Enrol Comm

There are opposed to
the the Dining
Hospitals. I'd
if this bill passed
the support will
be substantial?
to all of you?
I can not see I want
to pass it! Thank you
Working your kindly with

7/8/97

Please vote no on the
Mining Maintenance Bill -
Keep Politics out of
regulation. The mining
industry.

Wesley Burk
6892 M200420
Shane Linder D,

Mr. Burk
I think you have to support
the proposed Mining Maintenance
Bill. That's what the regulations
are going to be. That's what
the law is. That's what the
commissioner has to do. That's
what the law is. That's what
the law is. That's what the
law is. That's what the law
is. That's what the law is.
I believe you will support
the proposed Mining Maintenance
Bill. That's what the regulations
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the proposed Mining Maintenance
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is. That's what the law is.

Dear Rep. Burk,

I am writing as a concerned
citizen on the issue of
the Mining Maintenance Bill.
I'm strongly opposed to this
Bill and hope you will consider
revising the provisions and regulation
in place. I let it be administered
by the D.N.R.
I believe passing this Bill would
lead the wrong message of mining
in our state.
Sincerely, Stan F. Brickman

Who will benefit when
mining stops in northern
Wisconsin? Another state
or country?

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Suzanne

Mr. Wolff -
I look forward to
mining in the state of Wisconsin.
You should be rewarded by the
Department of Natural Resources
for the state's resources. I am
a Do not vote on the Mining
Taxation Bill.

Sincerely,
Suzanne

I am writing concerning the
Mining Prohibition Bill.
I would urge you to never
this bill and vote "No".

Thank you,
Emily Umbreit
6544 Kings
Sun Prairie WI
53591

Dear Sir,
I oppose the proposed
Mining Prohibition Bill because
I feel it important that we
do not lose the long term,
family wages and the
economic growth that the
mining industry gives to
the state of Wisconsin. I am a
voter and ask that you vote No
on the Mining Prohibition Bill.

Kalen C. Bruckley

Marc BUEE
Let's keep mining from
killing Nature & wilderness

Johns Ferry
Guy Baker

Dear Representative Duff
I want you to know
that I support SEGMENTED
Mining in Alaska. Where
Appropriate Environmental
Issues are addressed and
Measurements are taken to
avoid further mining and
contribute to the success
of our communities. Please
Represent me by voting
in favor of Mining ~~in Alaska~~.

Here is the question of the decade, what is the difference between
the meaning of the two words: want + need?

Big business in this state wants you to believe that we Americans
need mining. The fact is, they want mining. We citizens don't
need mining for our snowshoes, jet skis and ski boats, we do
need more cars trucks to rust away in 10 years, we don't need more
TV's, phones, computers that become junk in 3 years. What we
really do need is a clean healthy environment. Even if there is a
one in one million chance of sulfate leakage, it is not worth the
gamble. Deep down you know the right thing to do Marc. Don't bow
down to these corporate giants - don't be a puppet on a string. If
there was ever a time to act on your inner most feelings,
it is now! Don't Marc - Vote for the mining
Moratorium bill!!!

Ron P. Dawson

Dear Rep. Marc Duff.

I urge you for votes
NO on the Murray
Moratorium bill
The DNR already has
regulations to control
the mining industry,
and they are not having
problems reducing
from being suppliers in
Alaska.
Favor of Segmented

Dear Marc Duff 9-23-99

I oppose the Mining
Masterplan bill, as I
you should vote No.

I was at a former Marc
Duff's very meeting one
evening and heard all about
the Colorado Mine. It only
seems that the bill is
pending out. I hope it
gets passed.

REPRESENTATIVE MARC DUFF

I urge you to vote against the
Masterplan bill. The bill is
opposed with a majority of
the vote in the legislature. It
will create more jobs for
more people. I am a
member of the 2nd ward
opposite you to vote NO
of the masterplan bill.

Thank you
Bruce Seiber

We feel local citizens should have
the right to decide what industries
should be located in their areas. Our
DNR does an excellent job and will
see that we are not harmed!

Dear Representative Duff:

Without a lot of talk, I want to say
that I am opposed to the Mining
Masterplan Bill. If the Colorado Mine
has met the legal and safety regulations,
it should not be made into a political
issue. I believe the mine is
environmentally safe. Further regulations
should only hurt our economy. Do
not let a minority vote oppose the mine,
determine your decision.

Dear Representative Doff:

I am concerned that the proposed Mining Moratorium Bill singles out the mining industry for unjust regulation when other industries are allowed to pollute without any specific regulation. The Flambeau Mine has operated within established laws & regulation. Lets give the proposed Grand Mine the same opportunity. Bill G. 5501

To - Representative More Duff

We ask that you not support the proposed ban (moratorium) on mining in Wisconsin. To mine or not to mine should be based on science and facts not emotions. The DNR and any other experts the State can utilize should be capable of protecting our environment. Otherwise why do we have a DNR and spend all these resources on education? This moratorium idea is just plain unreasonable. - Thank You
Tom & Judy Ruskoff

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2/12/97
Dear Mr. Duff:

I write in regard to the Mining Moratorium Bill. I want mining to go ahead when the guarantees of our environment the DNR if we do please reply. If we followed the demands of mining we would all eat well and mine is because they would not allow farming.

7-7-97

WE DON'T NEED A BAN ON MINING AS I BELIEVE THE CURRENT REGS OFFER ADEQUATE PROTECTION AGAINST ANY RECEIVED AND "GUESSTIMATED" DANGERS AS OFFERED BY THE ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT ME.

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER VOTING "NO" ON ANY MINING MORATORIUM BILL.

CAN A "RESOURCE" STILL BE CONSIDERED A "RESOURCE" IF ONE IS NEVER ALLOWED TO USE IT?
RESTRICTEDLY, GARY CALDER

Dear Representative Duff:

I oppose the Mining
Reauthorization Bill.

The DOE has the expertise
to regulate the DOE's
resources just as new positions
I also believe that
mining can be done safely
and responsibly if does
provide good jobs for
our citizens.

Please vote no.
Robert D. D'Agostin

We oppose the Mining Reauthorization Bill.
The more extraction should be
allowed a thing to do as any
other process - it is very well
natural resources. As long as this
done in a manner respects the
environment. The DOE would be
the guide in this.

The very active mining industry
in the U.S. of Michigan has not
hurt the environment industry
at all.

James Neumann
7-14-97

I strongly urge you to vote
for the Mining Reauthorization Bill
I fear allowing the mine would
have serious environmental consequences
that go from the mine would
eventually flow into the big river &
they find evidence in Northwest
Michigan from tourism.
We need to protect our environment
for future generations.

Elex M. Kettel
405 W. 2nd St
Chicago, IL 60605

It is inevitable that the
Michigan legislative would
extend every possible outstaying
the same kind of possible
organizing that our country
enforce to level regulatory
five) stopped for. (If you believe
there are fall breeches (all same
acts) to prevent the industry do-
stunt of it is a huge industry of
however, you must take the integrity
of being a good citizen. (If you
you will see the industry will be

Representative - Mr. Duff:

Please do not give up the manufacturing
skill, learning coming in via
It will mean a loss of jobs here in Michigan.
It also will mean it will not help
industries, involved in the manufacturing of
mining & equipment & its supplies etc.
I worked for the mill for 30 years, for
quite some years, they employ a good
many men & women, that is the world.
Mining is very essential, in the main.
I have a lot of things. I hope this
reaches you soon enough before the vote.

Dear Representative Duff

I want a vote to let you know
As a labor and concerned citizen that
it is my hope that you will vote
to support the manufacturing industry.

Sincerely

Sam Ferguson

Dear Representative Duff,

What do you think about the
new Bill S.B.3.
I would like to see the House
and Senate they use to year
and temporary to that you
family for illness. It is not
loose. Let the DNR do their
job. They are good at it.
It is not constitutional to give to any
one industry. My vote is Democrat and you.

Dear Rep Duff:

Between the Corps of Engineers and
the DNR, the concept of regulation
should be more than adequate to insure
proper regulation of mining interests.
Wilson's enjoys good economic activity
because of tough but fair regulation of
industries. Why single out one industry?
Good jobs must continue to be
created and sustained to advance the
economy. Making this start enjoys.
I urge you to vote for the
Forest Act. Martin Paul Wilson

Dear Mike. - I enjoyed your Pig
report last summer - and am
I don't have a chance to meet you,
Regarding the Mining
Monsieur Bill - Is it
necessary - with the present
DNR. rules are already fine?

Bill Louderdale.

Dear Bill -

On behalf of the 30 employees of the
Harrison State - the Training
group for Pitt Rivers Equipment,
we urge you to adopt a reasonable
workable ending on the SB 3 that
will ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~state~~
is important to our jobs!
David Edlitz

DEAR SIR

I AM APPSED TO MORE
REGULATION OF THE MINING
INDUSTRY AND FEEL THE APPROPRIATE
REGULATIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN
PLACE. I FEEL MORE REGULATION
WILL ONLY CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS
IN THE FORM OF HIGHER
PRICES AND MORE UNEMPLOYMENT.

SINCERELY
Wayne B. Bunker

State Representative Mike Pugh; 10-20-97

I am writing this and as a concerned
citizen and voter. The mining/transportation
bill is just another example of the environmentalists
going to hell so have mining in WA. would you
allow jobs it would send the wrong message
to employers wanting to move into WA.
They would see this state as anti business
Why not let existing mining have no checks
and balances? I am ~~not~~ ~~sure~~ ~~if~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~state~~
I told me they had heard too much
government getting in way. line!
Sincerely
Norman W. Paulst PE

The Honorable Marc Duff
State Capitol, Rm 306-N P.O. Box 8952
Madison WI 53708-2605

Dear Representative Duff,

Our Creator has entrusted this beautiful land to us. "The dominion of God is in our hands".

It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to use wisely whatever He has placed within earth, always mindful that it is our responsibility to use mine wisely whatever is there, taking all precautions to assure that the environment is totally safeguarded. Banning mining completely is, in my estimation, bad legislation.

Dear Representative Duff

I am writing in regards to the Mining Moratorium Bill, with the present Permit process + regulations in effect now I see no reason to ban mining of any sort.

I am also concerned about the large number of jobs that could be lost to the state if this Bill is approved.

Sincerely

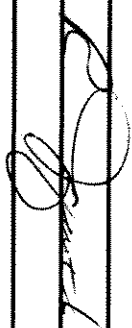
608-634-4193

Harlow Stolessou
403 E State
Westby WI 54667

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Please vote no on the proposed Mining Moratorium Bill

Thank You



DEAR MRC

12/23/97

WE HAVE MORE REGULATIONS THAN WE NEED IN REGARD TO THE OVER- & OVER-REGULATED EPA CONCERNS, WHILE ASBESTOS, GAS STATION LEAKS, etc ARE NOT ENVIAT PROBLEMS, WE HAVE GONE WAY WAY OVER-BOARD ON REGULATING THESE NOW I'M SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING OF MINING, I'M SURE THERE ARE ENOUGH REGULATIONS ALREADY TO ALLOW SAFE MINING, LET THEM "MINE" NOW!! THANKS,
@Harlow Stolessou

OCT. 17 1997

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DUFF:

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE MINING MORATORIUM BILL WHICH WILL BE COMING UP IN THE LEGISLATURE SOON. I'M NOT SURE IF OR WHY THIS BILL WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN.

IN THE PAST, LACK OF CONTROL ON WISCONSIN INDUSTRIES HAS CREATED WATER POLLUTION, SOIL CONTAMINATION AND OTHER PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT. DO WE NOT HAVE ADEQUATE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN EFFECT? SINCERELY - JAMES PETERSON

The Honorable Rep. Mark Duff, 626
State Capitol Room 306-N E.D. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708-2605

Dear Representative Duff,

I am writing as a concerned citizen with on the issue of the Mining Moratorium Bill. I believe the goal is to local mines should handle themselves what industries they want. I think on some of the research this environment they should handle it if they want. They may want on industry that provides jobs of some of the environment. State of Wisconsin to help and respect the rights. This mine would be a good opportunity not get it from someone.

Rep. Duff,

I oppose the proposed Mining Moratorium Bill, because I feel that we need more employment in our northern counties. I feel that more mining can be environmentally safe, whereas the Thunders mine in Felpawith. We need more industry that pay taxes in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Vincent

Dear Mr. Duff:

A fair amount of publicity has surrounded the Mining Moratorium bill, and I wish to take this opportunity to express my strong opposition to such an idea. The stringent regulations and standards already imposed by the DNR have established an admirable record of environmental concern in Wisconsin, and I have mining can be a beneficial activity at the same time. Mr. Tom Hovington

We are in your district and
of course voted for you. Please
use all your influence to oppose
the Mining Moratorium Bill. We are
SICK of the excesses of the

Rep. Grace Duff. Dear Sir:-
Not knowing nearly enough about
the mining moratorium, I and that you to
we get some and judgment in this matter

Yours truly,
F. B. [Signature]

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Your Representative Duff
is writing as a sponsored
actor on the issue of mining moratorium Bill.

Please show that you support
anti-moratorium today responsible
growth. Day writing NO on the
mining moratorium Bill.

Thank you
[Signature]

Thank you
10-12-07

All over the world with
the support of the people
throughout the world
writing and show very clear
and the fact is that Bill
get what I have
Thank you
and will stay for more

Dear Rep. More Hoff -

10/19/97

I hope that NO on the
Mining Reauthorization Bill. Leave the
regulating to the DMR. They are
absolutely capable and extremely
strict. Like Northern Massachusetts
the opportunities to mine into
the 21st century in a economically
productive way. We all want
environmental safety. And as long
as the DMR is remaining strong we
can sure to be safe. Sincerely
I do vote on a regular basis.
Mrs. Patricia Walderhausen

Dear Sir:

10/14/97

I would like you give all wilderness
property owners and a general vote. I
am concerned about government
expropriation upon property rights. I feel
if I pay the taxes and maintenance to property
I should have a reasonable expectation to have
a say in property use. My proposed Mining
reauthorization bill is a case in point. I
feel well enough alone and hope our land
is free to be a resource. Please vote NO for further
regulation. If wilderness citizens and a
desert living and enjoy and right. I support our
sense of

It is absolutely unfair
~~to have any industry have~~
inland. It is out of
delicate past that it
should have the
environment. Community
factories and many other
everyday. I believe that forest
should be allowed to decide
how to manage. It is a County
small with no development. I would
working. I would like to see
We should protect them!!!

We NO on the Mining
reauthorization Bill.

Sincerely,
Patricia Walderhausen

The Vote is Tuesday Nov. 11. 97
It is unfair and unprecedented
to have single industry in
discussion
I trust you will vote for the
Bill
We need to allow Forest County
to decide their own fate for forest
creation and economic development
I am and many other people
depending on you vote for the Bill

Please ~~do not~~ ~~interfere~~
or any industry in Wisconsin-it's
unfair
Let County's decide for itself
on these issues,
The DNR has to many laws
and regulations - they care more
about animals and plants than
humans now.

Thank You!
Sharon Shanity

More
Use ~~the~~ ~~resources~~
any ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~resources~~
on the banks already.
Mining is a very important
industry don't destroy it
Richard J. Sullivan

More - we sent a
card to Deere's last
spring our stand on
M ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~stand~~
employment up here
in the North Country

Edward J. Pender
Rt. Box 311
Arlington, WI
54571

Vote Against

~~Manufacturing~~ Please

DeWolfe Jr

Dear Mrs DeWolfe 11/17/97

Please Vote "No" on the ~~Manufacturing~~ Bill. If Mining Companies are allowed all possible rules & laws there is no reason that our industry should be harmed. I feel this Bill is a problem - only whether you to put property under Government control. West needs ~~the~~ more such action urgently through legislation.

~~Manufacturing~~ ~~Bill~~
I am for mining in ~~Western~~ Western
Please vote ~~against~~ the bill to
stop mining in our state. Do
not turn mining into some kind
of evil. It is not, and there
are all kind of safeguards. You
know the one is against this
bill. Do all in your power
to get this mine operational.
It means jobs, taxes for the
state, and minerals for our
country. Thanks
Charles Symonds Jr

PLEASE AVOID THE ~~Manufacturing~~ Bill.
LEGISLATION HAS ENOUGH LAWS
TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

He Reed 11-17-97
B.E. Peelle

Will meet to discuss ~~Bill~~
~~legislation~~ to discuss its
for the job creation economic
development.

- PLEASE ~~BE~~ ~~LET~~ ~~THE~~ ~~LEGISLATION~~ ~~LEGISLATION~~
- Provide guidelines & environmental criteria if regulation is required
- Allow DNR to enforce the standards if requires -

Michael Park

Dear Hare Duff,
It is unfair and unprecedented to ban a single industry in Wisconsin. We need to allow forest land to decide its own fate for job creation and economic development. The DNR has stringent, reliable environmental laws to enforce. Let the specialists at the DNR decide, with public input, what meets these laws and what doesn't. I sure hope you ~~oppose~~ ~~the~~ ~~mining~~ ~~reformation~~ ~~bill~~.
Sincerely,
Trey Connor

Art Barrb Wisniewski Are
~~Against~~ ~~the~~ ~~mining~~
~~reformation~~ ~~bill~~.
Wisconsin Needs More Better
paying jobs. This is due clay
to keep the young people in
our state, we are not at
all impressed by a great
deal of people that are for
this bill
(HOMER TETUS IN BARRBS)

(10-11-71)

Dear Mr. Duff:

I am writing to request a NO vote on the Mining Reformation Bill as delays in increasing Environmental protection. We all use the products of mines and need those products - the DNR has prior regulations to protect the environment. What is needed is good planning to help communities deal with closing & losing jobs when mines close.

Sincerely,
Walter H. Duff
d SUSA

~~The DNR~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~state~~ ~~they~~ ~~are~~ ~~capable~~ ~~and~~ ~~kind~~ ~~for~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~need~~ ~~the~~ ~~industry~~ ~~here~~ ~~for~~ ~~economic~~ ~~growth~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~safe~~ ~~manner~~ -

Gather Brags

12084 Rte 9 Wj

Priddy W 54114

Dear Mr. Duff

I would like to have the legislators stop trying to regulate mining in WI with politics but the DNR do it. I don't want to lose the jobs & wages that mining brings to WI.

Please vote NO on the mining Reformation. I am a voter & I will be watching how you vote on this issue -

Paul Wagner

I am writing you a concerned voter and citizen on the issue of the mining reformation bill. The bill will force the DNR to assess and plan mining technology on the level of engineering practices of 25 yrs ago. The bill will allow equipment growth and use will have to pay for it by the bill is not good for Wisconsin or Wisconsin that want to stay in Wisconsin.

I am opposed to the
Mining Merger Forum
Bill. I do have a
propose rep most I leave
it as it is - it helps
employment and other -

Robert Benge

Mr. Duff

The DFR already has
enough restrictions in
place. Some west
states on the Mining Bill
feel this is not a
matter worthy.

Virginia Wood
Smith

Dear Honorable Representative Duff:

Please vote NO on the proposed
mining merger bill. Mining
means jobs for Wisconsin. Those folks
who want to be on welfare need
some place to go. I say get them
to work down in the mines.

Sincerely,
Joseph H. McKenna, Jr.

Dear Representative Duff

I am not in favor of the
Mining Merger Bill.
It would shut down good
business industries in our
State.

Sincerely,
Aldo Roques

Rep. Duff

RE: Mining Moratorium Bill

Please consider in part of this bill on
business to local regions of our state.
Also, if this is already regulated
effectively, do we need more people
telling others what to do?

Overall, if our current regulations work
& people are making a decent living, leave
this alone - vote no.
Thanks,
Jim Park

Dear Sir,

Please explain to me why
reason you would want to
ban skiing in WA.

Sincerely,
Stephen (Arthur)
Starkweather,
541639
581 West Main

11-2-97

Mr. Duff, we will miss

~~in the country~~. All our family
had to leave + work in Mich. + France.

There was always home + we were able to
come back after retirement. We like
the Duff will take care of protecting
the environment. Thank you,
Theresa + Dale Bell

There's moratoriums 1500
close not buying for our
state

Products we need
in order for us to grow

DEAR MARC,
I KNOW I'VE DONE THIS BEFORE & YOU RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO VOTING ~~AGAINST THE MINING MODIFICATION~~ HOWEVER I'D LIKE TO REITERATE THE REDUNDANCY OF THIS LEGISLATION, IN FACT IT IS MY OPINION WE HAVE TOO MANY REGULATIONS ALREADY, I AM NOT IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN MINING OR ANY BENEFIT (OTHER THAN OUR TAILING GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS).
THANKS,
Charles Spencer

Dear Marc - I am writing this short message to you regarding the issue of the Mining Modification Bill. THIS BILL SCARES ME FOR THE FACT OF WHAT IT WOULD SAY TO EVERYONE IF IT PASSED, IT WOULD BOLDBY STATE THAT WISCONSIN IS NOT A PRO BUSINESS STATE. ALL THE INDUSTRIES THROUGHOUT WISCONSIN HAD OPERATED UNDER THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE DNR. AND CONTINUE TO, MINING COMPANIES ARE NO DIFFERENT. (LADYSMITH) I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTALY RESPONSIBLE GROWTH BY VOTING NO! ON THE MINING MODIFICATION BILL. Sincerely, Craig Frederick
RTE 2 Box 339F
Florence, WI. 53041

Dear Mr. Duff:
It has come to my attention that a Mining Modification Bill is pending. Of our not our fear of this generally in this Bill that precludes economic development in this state in regards to mining. Please ~~do not~~ this a bad piece of legislation.
J. Schiefel

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DUFF,
SCIENTISTS NEED TO DECIDE THE FATE OF MINING IN WI, NOT PRESERVATIONIST EXTREMISTS. WE WOULD HAVE LOST WORLD WAR TWO WITH THIS TYPE OF THINKING. FACTS & NOT HYPE NEED TO DECIDE THIS ISSUE & FOREST COUNTY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR ITS CHANCE AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & DECENT JOBS OTHER THAN GAMBLING.

R. G. Smith

I DO OPPOSE THE BILLING

I DO THINK IT WILL BE GOOD FOR THE GRADUATION AREA

HELP IN TAXES

I BELIEVE THE DNR WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE WATER + LAND USE

PLEASE VOTE NO TO THE MIDDLE MARIATORUM. IT IS UNEQUAL TO SINGLE OUT ONE INDUSTRY AND HOLD THEM TO STANDARDS AS OTHER INDUSTRY HAS TO MEET. A MARIATORUM ON MIND WOULD DELAY UNNECESSARILY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRADUATION AREA. PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP TO THE SO CALLED ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO KNOW THAT BASED ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE, A MIDDLE WATER REG. AND PROGRAM SO THEY CAN TRY NOT TO ~~WASTE~~ AVOID WHAT THE DNR REPORT CONC. OF FURNISHING WILL TELL THEM.

John R. Ryan

REPRESENTATIVE MARC DUFF -

I am writing to oppose the Mining ~~Bill~~ Bill being considered by your committee.

Not only are current DNR regulations more than adequate to protect the environment, but it is patently unfair to single out a single industry for this kind of treatment. Please vote NO!

Jeffrey A. Plawo

Rep. Duff -

This is to advise you of my opposition to the ~~proposed~~ ~~bill~~ bill being considered by the VA's state legislature

The DNR is a group of professionals who can adequately protect the interests of the citizens of Wisconsin. The Trial lawyers have too much opportunity to steal from all of us now don't give them more
Lance McVitie

DEAR REP. MARC DUFF
AS A VOTER AND TAXPAYER
IN WISCONSIN I BELIEVE IT IS
UNFAIR TO HAVE A BILL TO BAN
A SINGLE MINE IN OUR STATE.
FOREST CO. HAS TO BE ALLOWED TO
DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE FOR JOB
CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
THE DNR HAS STRINGENT RELIABLE
ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS TO ENFORCE. LET
THE SPECIALISTS AT THE DNR DECIDE
WITH PUBLIC INPUT, WHAT MEETS THESE LAWS
AND WHAT DOESN'T. I URGE YOUR SUPPORT,
THANK YOU Thank

Just a note to you on the
Mining bill coming up for a vote. ~~It~~
~~is a bill to ban a single mine in~~
is about a 2 year bill. ~~It is~~
both good and acceptable to the miners
and the area residents.
Mining has been a part of Wis
industry for over a century and
should not be toward with
out a lot of thought.
Thank You
Freeman

Rep. Marc Duff:
The ~~bill~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~needed~~.
Forest County is in dire need of economic
development and the only substantial foresee-
able business showing any interest is Crandon
Mining. Co. Wisconsin has some of the most
stringent laws guarding the environment.
The Bill serves only directive, that is to
keep Forest County poor. This bill must be
defeated because the people of Forest county
need the Crandon mine.
Gordon P. Connor

~~Bill~~ / MARC -
NO NEED TO ~~the~~ ~~Proposed~~ ~~Miner~~
~~Bill~~ -
We (Sleepers) will be having an opportunity
of a good Economic Surge and Job
Growth and all that comes with that -
Thank You
Gordon P. Connor

Please cast your vote
~~against the mining bill~~

We believe the existing laws can safely monitor the situation.
Thank you!

Mare Duff

of your efforts & activities at Montana in Washington, the gold miners will be governing this country well. ~~Yes, we will do anything that we will do to say yes to the mining industry.~~
Northern Mountain Metals will addition to our presence here. Our presence here is a very good.
KIMMEL, CAROL
715-385-3226

Mike Duff - We are concerned about the Mining Restriction Bill. We're at least the raised and know that ~~we are not in a position~~.
- We prefer to have a single industry - Forest County - or any county. Should be able to decide how to create jobs and grow in their economy. We're already strong & thorough mining districts in the nation - the DNR is separate of handling it.

Respectfully,
Norman Shirley, Butte

Request to use Mare Duff 11-8-97

Dear Mare:
~~CONSENT DNR~~
The public has trust in the DNR to control the mining industry. The RADICAL anti miners who are pen in number but please do not want to ~~control~~ an entire industry. Please review the environmental laws & help the absolute control the DNR has by the mining areas. If we need more laws, then we don't need the DNR. Sincerely, Charles Junderland

Mr. 1/4/11-

It's unfair to BAN A
Single Industry in Wisconsin.
We need Forest Country to have
A mind for Economy (Abundant)
The DNR does not fund timber
The Environmental Area.

Please ~~_____~~ jobs could
be had. Unemployment would be down
for a while
To God

TO: MRG DUE. PLEASE READ + VOTE

~~_____~~ TO BAN D
SINCE THOUGH IN US, WE NEED TO ALLOW
BEST COUNTRY TO BE AT THEIR OWN RISK FOR JOB
CREATED Y EARNING DEPENDENT THE DNR
~~_____~~ COREMILL ALREADY HAS STRINGENT

FRONT: RELIABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

THANKS SO MUCH
BY FAYRENE KUKLA. W2 2710. 845 HI 40
MUR. WI- 5449

My wife Susan + I want
you to vote against the
~~_____~~

~~_____~~
Set the present laws and
system to show JFL.
Maurice Robinson

11-7-97

Rep. Mure Kelly
I hope you will ~~_____~~
I think all other industry
can cut great state, but only
under your strict state laws.

Lance Michael
1714 Thunderbolt Dr
Munroe WI
545809609
715 358 2733

Dear Rep. Marc Duff

LOOSE DOGS
BITE

I have taken the Seventh Generation Pledge, which states: BITE

"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations"

Please help pass the Mining Moratorium Bill to protect the quality of life and the health of the next seven generations of people here in Wisconsin. Our clean water is too precious to waste and pollute.

Name: Christine Zapf
Address: 4240 S. Sunny Slope Rd
City: New Berlin State: WI Zip: 53151

Rep. Marc Duff:

The mining moratorium bill must be defeated. Forest County is in dire need of economic development and the only substantial foreseeable business that is showing an interest in our area is the Crandon Mining Co. The fact is, WI already has some of the most stringent environmental safe guards in the nation. The Bill serves only one directive, to keep Forest County poor. This bill must be defeated because the people of Forest Co. need the Crandon mine.

Peter H. Connor

Dear Rep. Marc Duff

I have taken the Seventh Generation Pledge, which states: "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations"

Please help pass the Mining Moratorium Bill to protect the quality of life and the health of the next seven generations of people here in Wisconsin. Our clean water is too precious to waste and pollute.

Name: Christine Zapf
Address: 4240 S. Sunny Slope Rd
City: New Berlin State: WI Zip: 53151

Dear Rep. Duff, Nov. 6, 1991

I hope you will exercise your good judgement and scuttle the mining moratorium bill. It would be very embarrassing for the State of Wisconsin to ban mining with 20 yr. old technology as the basis for doing so. People all over the world will wonder just what kind of spot we'd vote to ban an industry. Thanks, Dave Rind

Green Bay Press-Gazette June 20, 1997

Hearing on Crandon project

DNR gets heat over mine**Green Bay meeting draws 50 environmental activists**By Susan Campbell
Press-Gazette

Judy Pubanz of Shawano said that in 59 years she has never fought for a cause. She was even taken aback when the anti-mining group she co-founded with her husband was labeled "activist."

But there she was at the Brown County Library Thursday night, along with 50 or so other environmentalists who share the activist label in their opposition to the proposed Crandon mine.

"I've never been involved in something like this, but I feel it's that important," said Pubanz, of Protect Our Wolf River (POWR).

The focus of their energies was the Crandon Mining Co.'s application for state and federal permits to remove 55 million tons of copper and zinc ore from a site about 5 miles south of Crandon,

at the headwaters of the pristine Wolf River.

Thursday's 3 1/2-hour meeting was one in a series of statewide meetings the state Department of Natural Resources is hosting to update the public on the status of a draft Environmental Impact Statement it is preparing on the proposal.

Willie Harris of Oneida was there. Unlike Pubanz, he isn't new to activism — or the battle against the proposed Crandon mine.

"I remember most of the people having black hair when I started fighting this," he said, recalling that the mining company first proposed to build the mine a decade ago, but pulled out.

A panel of DNR officials presented an overview of the proposal, then answered a barrage of sometimes heated questions.

The most common query of the night was how much the DNR has spent reviewing the proposal and how much has been spent by Crandon Mining, a subsidiary of Exxon Coal and Minerals Co. of Houston and Rio Algom Ltd. of Toronto.

DNR officials said the agency billed Crandon Mining \$600,000 for the EIS thus far, and expects to bill at least \$500,000 more in eventual permitting costs. The only direct cost paid by state taxpayers is the time staff members have spent reviewing the proposals.

Larry Gravin of Sobieski drew applause when he asked why the state doesn't restore the public intervenor — an independent watchdog that had the authority to challenge environmental policies and sue state agencies.

He also asked what the public would gain if the mine is

approved. "What's the bottom line for the citizens of this state — how are we going to benefit?"

Bill Tans, the DNR's project manager for the Crandon proposal, said both questions would be better put to the state Legislature.

George Reif of Bowler lashed out at the DNR's current review of Crandon Mining's modeling of the mine's potential impact on groundwater, asking how the agency could do so without developing its own model.

Chris Carlson of the DNR said the agency participated in collecting the data that was fed to the model, and is confident that by scrutinizing how the model was run staff members can determine its effectiveness.

The DNR expects to complete its draft EIS for the project by March 1998, with public hearings to follow in April or May.

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Court strikes down religion immunity

Justices say law that limits regulations wrongly alters scope of First Amendment

BY FRANK A. AUKOFER
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Washington — Saying that Congress wrongfully tried to redefine the Constitution's guarantee of religious freedom, the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The decision produced an outcry from religious organizations and national lawmakers of varying political ideologies, who vowed to take whatever action was necessary to reverse the decision.

Backers of the 1993 religious freedom law warned that Wednesday's high court ruling likely would affect a range of disputes where First Amendment rights to free exercise of religion run afoul of government rules, ranging from Christians' right to communion wine in dry counties to religious objections to autopsies by Orthodox Jews and Hmong.

They also argued strenuously that the 1993 law was needed to protect minority religions, and cited as an example an Amish group in Wisconsin that escaped fines for refusing to post bright orange safety triangles, which

they object to as too worldly, on their horse-drawn buggies.

There are hundreds of lawsuits under the 1993 act that claim exceptions to state and local zoning, building, school, prison, employment, highway safety, building and anti-discrimination laws. Wednesday's Supreme Court decision eliminates such defenses.

The 6-3 ruling came in a Texas case (City of Boerne vs. Flores), in which a Catholic archbishop relied on the 1993 law to challenge a city's denial of a building permit to enlarge a church.

But the Supreme Court said that although Congress had the power to enforce a constitutional right, it could not change the right itself.

Writing for the majority, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said, in effect, that Congress had built a shotgun to swat a fly.

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel December 24, 1996

Contamination threat minimal at Crandon mine, report says

Consultant for company calls landfill cap key prevention measure

By DON BEHM
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Madison — Even the complete decay of a plastic lining on the bottom of a proposed mine waste landfill in Forest County would not cause widespread contamination of ground water and nearby streams, consultants for Crandon Mining Co. say in a new report to the state.

Although such an extreme failure is not expected, Crandon Mining says it will maintain an impermeable cap on top of the landfill forever, so that very little rain or melting snow could enter it and flush pollutants out the bottom.

The report — a preliminary computer analysis done by Geo-Trans Inc. of California and Foth & Van Dyke, an engineering consulting firm in Green Bay — is the latest in the long history of the proposed mine, a history that includes virulent opposition from a number of groups.

Opponents of the proposed zinc and copper mine south of Crandon argue that all metallic sulfide mines have caused pollution.

Crandon Mining, a Wisconsin partnership formed by Exxon Coal and Minerals Co. of Houston and Rio Algom Ltd. of Toronto, is seeking local, state and federal permits to remove 55 million tons of zinc and copper ore from its deposit 5 miles south of Crandon and 2 miles east of the Mole Lake Chippewa Reservation.

Crandon Mining's proposed 220-acre waste rock disposal area would be the largest landfill ever

Landfill to receive Crandon mine waste

Crandon Mining's proposed 220-acre waste rock disposal area, which could hold nearly 20.5 million cubic yards of tailings, would be the largest landfill ever built in the state.



JOHN PINCHARD/Journal Sentinel

built in the state. The landfill, called a tailings management area, would be built west of Hemlock Creek in the Town of Lincoln.

It would be filled with nearly 20.5 million cubic yards of tailings, the fine, sand-like particles of crushed rock that remain after the ore is processed, according to documents filed by the company.

The company says it will use a series of pollution controls to prevent chemicals and metals from accumulating to high levels in ground water. Before tailings are poured into the landfill, they would be mixed with lime so the waste does not become acidic.

The company's report says that lacking the liquid needed to carry pollutants away, the bulk

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Legislation would keep ousted judges off bench

2 lawmakers don't want them as reserve jurists

By MEG JONES
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Two Milwaukee-area lawmakers Monday proposed legislation that would prohibit judges who lose re-election from being appointed as reserve judges once they're out of office.

State Rep. Scott Walker (R-Wauwatosa) and Jeff Plale (D-South Milwaukee) said Monday that allowing judges to be appointed to reserve positions after voters have kicked them out of office usurps the democratic process.

"If a judge is serving on the bench, it should be because he

or she was elected to do so," Plale said. "If you've been removed from the bench in a democratic election, then you shouldn't serve."

Reserve judges help with crowded court calendars and fill in for vacationing judges. The state Supreme Court chief justice appoints reserve judges for one-year terms.

Walker said the proposed legislation was prompted by the recent defeat of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Russell Stamper, who became a reserve judge after the election in March, as well as the controversy surrounding Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Frank T. Crivello.

Stamper was voted out of office after 12 years on the bench after a race marred by allegations of wife-beating and violat-

ing the state's code of judicial ethics. Stamper, who could not be reached for comment Monday, was appointed a reserve judge shortly after the election.

Crivello, who is up for re-election next spring, was arrested in January after his wife said he punched her in the face. A deferred prosecution plan was worked out in April that calls for the misdemeanor battery charge to be dismissed in 18 months if Crivello successfully completes counseling and is not arrested for similar infractions.

"Those are two examples where people did speak and they may speak," Walker said. "Assuming Crivello's not elected, I think it sends a strong message that Milwaukee County voters want a certain level of conduct that they hold judges to."

"This would not affect a great number of people," Walker added. "But it is pretty remarkable when you think how difficult it is to lose a judicial race. That's not true just in Milwaukee County. You have to really be involved in some questionable activities to lose a race."

Walker and Plale plan to introduce the legislation in January, when the Legislature begins its next session.

Milwaukee County Circuit Court Chief Judge Patrick Sheedy said he opposes the proposal because there are so many judge vacancies now in Milwaukee County that out-of-work judges are desperately needed.

"I need 17.6 more judges in this district. If they were to do that, that would seriously hamper our operations," Sheedy

said. "I feel very badly about that piece of legislation. We don't have a very large pool of reserve judges, and we have some excellent judges who were defeated."

Until 1992, judges voted out of office could not become reserve judges.

When Ray Gieringer, an Adams County judge who lost re-election in 1991, found out he didn't qualify to work as a reserve judge, he successfully lobbied the legislators representing his district — then-Sen. David Heibach (D-Stevens Point) and Rep. Marlin Schneider (D-Wisconsin Rapids).

Tucked into the state budget bill in 1992 was a change now called the "Gieringer bill." Now any judge with six or more years on the bench — even one who has been disciplined — can be

appointed as a reserve judge. Schneider said Monday that Plale and Walker's proposal was "stupid in the extreme."

"Just because a judge is defeated for re-election doesn't mean they are necessarily a bad judge or ought not to have their experience utilized by the system," Schneider said.

Schneider said some judges have been voted out of office because of a decision on a controversial case even though the decision was within the law. He said judges who are incompetent are not likely to be appointed to serve as reserve judges.

"So if one of the justices in the Supreme Court is defeated, that means we should just ignore their background and ability? That is just plain stupid," Schneider said.

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of the metals and chemicals would remain inside or close below the massive landfill for several hundred years.

The report comes as opponents are trying to oust each of the five elected officials in the Town of Nashville in April's election. The recall plan came after the Town Board approved a financial and zoning agreement with Crandon Mining on Dec. 12. The pact guarantees \$1.4 million in payments to the town if the underground mine receives state and federal construction and operating permits.

Jerry Sevick, a vice president with Foth & Van Dyke, described the landfill cap as the most critical pollution prevention measure at the landfill. Sevick met last week with representatives of the state Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Geological Survey and Environmental Protection Agency to review the analysis, known as a pollutant transport model.

If the DNR and EPA approve the model, it will be used to determine whether the proposed landfill would protect the environment and meet state and federal water quality standards, said Ken Black, a senior environmental engineer with Crandon Mining in Rhinelander.

After all company reports have been submitted, the DNR will be able to complete its review and publish a draft environmental impact statement for the project next summer, said William Tans, an environmental analysis specialist.

The public will be asked to comment on the draft statement before a final report is published in the fall of 1997, Tans said. The DNR is not likely to decide whether to grant the company construction and operating permits until the summer of 1998, he said.

Construction of the underground mine would take three years, Crandon Mining officials have said. Ore would be excavated and processed for 28 years. After the mine is closed, the entire site would be reclaimed under state supervision.

The company's preliminary pollution analysis concludes that sulfate, one potential contaminant that could seep into ground water, would flow east and reach the creek within 100 years of the mine closing.

Possible concentrations of other chemicals and metals that could seep out of the landfill are being estimated in a separate study to be presented to the DNR early in the new year, Black said.

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MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE STUDIED

Alcohol problem found among state seniors

**Rate much higher than
thought, researcher says**

By NEIL D. ROSENBERG
of the Journal Sentinel staff

More than 10% of men and
women ages 60 and older are
risky drinkers, according to

the largest-ever screening —
conducted in Wisconsin — for
alcohol misuse of older Ameri-
cans.

For men that means knock-
ing down 14 or more drinks a
week and for women seven or
more drinks, according to the
National Institute of Alcohol

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel February 14, 1997

Mining law proposals criticized

Some state Democrats say changes lack substance

By DON BEHM
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Madison — Changes in state mining laws proposed this week by Gov. Tommy Thompson and the Department of Natural Resources were criticized by several Democratic legislators as lacking substance and intended solely to defuse public opposition to the proposed Crandon mine.

Thompson on Wednesday ordered Natural Resources Secretary George Meyer to appoint a panel of internationally recognized scientific experts to independently review the potential environmental impact of the underground zinc and copper mine in Forest County.

Thompson also said state regulations should be changed to require metal mines to use only proven pollution control technologies and ensure compliance with the state's stringent water quality standards.

But Rep. Spencer Black (D-Madison) said any panel selected by Meyer, a political appointee of the governor, would not be independent. "The University of Wisconsin or some other outside body should select these scientists," Black said.

Black also contended that Thompson's desired use of only proven technology was a thinly veiled attempt to erode legislative support for Black's bill seeking a moratorium on metal mining projects in the state.

State Sen. Kevin Shibilski (D-Amherst), a Senate sponsor of the mining moratorium bill, said the governor's initiatives lacked substance and would not reassure the public.

The moratorium is necessary because the mining industry cannot provide an example of a metal mine in a sulfide ore body, like the one at Crandon, that has operated at least 10 years without harming the environment, Shibilski said.

The moratorium bill will be discussed at a public hearing Monday in Green Bay. The hearing begins at 3 p.m. in Room C227 of the Center of Business and Industry at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, 2740 W. Mason St.

Meyer, however, described the governor's twin proposals as a reasonable alternative to a moratorium. The proposed scientific panel will help answer two key questions facing state regulators, he said. They are:

■ Would pumping ground water out of the mine significantly reduce water levels in nearby lakes or even reduce flows in local streams?

■ Could contaminants seeping out of a proposed waste rock storage area be carried by ground water to local streams and lakes? The water table is near the surface in much of the region, allowing water to be exchanged between shallow aquifers and streams and lakes.

Crandon Mining Co. is seeking federal, state and local permits to remove 55 million tons of zinc and copper ore from its property 5 miles south of Crandon and 2 miles east of the Mole Lake Chippewa Reservation.

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80 drug dealers to be freed on parole

They had been granted release before legislative moratorium was issued

By RICHARD P. JONES
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Madison — State prison officials are releasing 80 convicted drug dealers on parole, despite an order from legislators to keep all drug dealers behind bars until their release date. Department of Corrections spokesman Bill Clausius said

Thursday that the state must release the drug dealers early because the Parole Board had granted them parole before a legislative committee issued its order.

Prison officials were about to release the 80 inmates last September when the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee declared a moratorium on parole for drug dealers until July 1, 1997.

Attorneys for the inmates later filed suit in Dane County Circuit Court, saying the state granted the inmates parole, then

revoked it without hearings required by law.

"From a legal standpoint they had received the grant, and we were still keeping them in," Clausius said.

Clausius said the finance committee's order last fall was unclear about the status of drug dealers who were granted parole and were within days of release from prison. So, the Parole Commission decided the ban should apply to all drug dealers in prison, even those who had just been granted parole, he said.

"We've been working collaboratively with the Department of Justice on this," Clausius said. "Justice advised us that, no, the parole commission couldn't do that, that the group of 80 has to be released."

He said the Department of Corrections agreed last week and was making plans to release the drug dealers from prison.

The ban, however, remains in effect for other drug dealers in prison, Clausius said.

The Joint Finance Committee imposed the moratorium after

the Journal Sentinel examined inmate files and found that 30% of felony drug dealers paroled in 1995 had served 25% of their sentences or less.

The analysis further showed that, on average, dealers have been serving shorter and shorter portions of their prison terms since 1990.

Within days of the committee's action, the Department of Correction estimated the temporary ban would have the effect of keeping 712 inmates behind bars longer.

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Lawmakers move to change pollution rules near mines

Democratic legislator calls proposal on ground water standards 'a loophole'

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Madison — A Democratic state lawmaker Friday denounced an effort by Republican legislators to get changes made in ground water pollution rules near mines.

Twelve Republican members of the Assembly have petitioned the state Department of Natural Resources for changes that would ensure that mines have the same ground water standards as other facilities, such as hazardous waste sites.

But Rep. Spencer Black (D-Madison) said the standards would exempt ground water within 1,200 feet of mines from enforcement of clean-water rules.

There should be no enforcement boundary for ground water standards near mines, Black insisted. The 1,200-foot boundary proposed is a much greater distance than ground water protection rules for other regulated fa-

cilities, he added.

In a statement, Black called the new DNR proposal, scheduled to be discussed Tuesday by the state Natural Resources Board, a "loophole" and a "special break for Exxon's proposed Wolf River mine and other mining sites."

But Republicans said they wanted to make sure ground water protection rules are the same for mine sites and other facilities, so they asked for the new DNR rule.

Rep. Tom Ourada (R-Antigo) said state officials would still be able to monitor changes in ground water quality within the 1,200-foot zone.

"The level of protection isn't going to change," he said.

Rep. Lorraine Seratti (R-Spread Eagle) said Black was "completely wrong" and the Democrat should stop trying to "be an obstructionist."

"What we are trying to do is strengthen the (ground water protection) law," she said.

DNR official Kevin Kessler said ground water standards for mines approved in 1982 were "functionally equivalent" to those for other facilities, although set up in a different way.

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Black smells skunk in water rule

By Jeff Meyers

State government reporter
The past head of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee declared Friday that a proposed rule change hailed by the Thompson administration as an environmental safeguard really is a "pollution loophole."

The outrage of state Rep. Spencer Black, D-Madison, concerns a proposed rule moving through the state Department of Natural Resources.

The rule, to be referred to public hearings by the Natural Resources Board on Tuesday, is part

Thompson offered idea to address mining worries

of a package of measures backed by Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson in response to public worries about a proposed copper and zinc mine near Crandon operated by mining giants Exxon and Rio Algom.

Thompson's DNR secretary, George Meyer, has portrayed it as an environmentally friendly rule that would apply ground water protection rules to mining regions.

But Black, who reviewed de-

tailed language of the proposed rule, said the rule "poses a real danger to our environment."

Black, a lead sponsor of the so-called mining moratorium bill, concluded that the "weaker environmental rules" would allow Exxon and other mining companies to pollute drinking water supplies near mining areas.

But Republicans were quick to denounce Black. State Rep. Duwayne Johnsrud, R-Eastman,

would be "perhaps a bit tougher" for mining companies.

"What we're doing with this rules package is bringing (mining regulations) into the same framework" that applies to other industries affected by the state's ground water protection standards, Kessler said.

He said current or future rules were "not an unlimited right to pollute within 1,200 feet" of a mine or mine tailings dump.

"There's no question whatsoever that under neither the existing rules nor the proposed rules that anybody's well would be contaminated," Kessler said.

chairman of the Assembly environmental committee, labeled Black's statement "misinformation." And Thompson spokesman Kevin Keane accused Black of "intentionally deceiving the public."

"(The rules) create a higher and tougher standard for any potential mining companies to meet," Keane said.

Kevin Kessler, who heads the DNR Bureau of Waste Management, responded for Meyer. He said the rule change, if enacted,

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when it received the final Forest County zoning permit needed for the project.

But foes of the project are girding for battle. In the Forest County Town of Nashville, mine opponents say an April 1 election of five town officers will be a more accurate gauge of local opinion on the mine.

They hope to shove the company back a step by blocking its zoning pact with the town in court.

Joanne Tacopina, a Pickerel Lake resident and mine opponent seeking the town clerk post now held by Carol Marquardt, says the vote "will be a referendum on the mine. If I lose, then I will have misread local anger about these agreements and I will shut up."

Even if Nashville's 640 registered voters reject the pro-mining incumbents, Tacopina says, the new slate of officers could not discard the pact, known as a "local agreement," because it is binding on future town boards.

But other residents already have filed a lawsuit to stop the agreement from being implemented. Chuck Sleeter, a candidate for town chairman and Tacopina's fiance — they postponed their wedding to run for office — says residents were not allowed to question the pact or recommend changes before the Town Board adopted it Dec. 12.

Tacopina and Sleeter both say the board should have delayed all zoning discussions until federal and state studies of potential mining impacts could be completed in the next two years.

Crandon Mining must receive more than 40 federal, state and local permits before it can remove any ore. The ore body con-

tains up to 9.5% zinc, with smaller amounts of copper, lead, silver and gold, according to company officials.

A hearing on the lawsuit has been scheduled March 13 in Oneida County Circuit Court in Rhinelander.

A Land of Forests

At least one Wisconsin map already is imprinted with the Crandon Mine site. But driving down Little Sand Lake Road, all you'll see for miles is forest and wetlands.

Much of aptly named Forest County is part of the Nicolet National Forest. Actually, 70% of the county is in state or federal ownership. Almost 200 lakes and 480 miles of trout streams break up the tree-rich landscape.

From his tribal office two miles west of the mine site, Arlyn Ackley Sr., chairman of the Mole Lake Sokaogon band of the Chippewa, says he does not understand why any local governments are approving permits before environmental impact studies are done.

Ackley, 45, recalled the tribe's 1985 decision not to develop a similar ore body on its reservation. "In that discussion, we learned how a mine could pollute our own lakes and streams and destroy our wild rice," still harvested on the reservation.

Ackley, whose mother, Norma, was the first Mole Lake Chippewa to graduate from Crandon High School, has lived on the reservation most of his life. He says he is frustrated with the county for moving ahead.

"Forest County and the other local governments seem to be ignoring these same impacts from Exxon's mine, which are the concerns of this tribe," he said. "We live downstream."

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Only a portion of the ore body is within the Town of Nashville. Most of the metallic mineral deposit, which is 4,900 feet long and up to 2,200 feet deep, is in the Town of Lincoln.

Crandon Mining is continuing to negotiate a local zoning agreement with Lincoln, which also would be the site of all ore processing facilities and a 220-acre waste rock landfill — the largest ever built in Wisconsin.

Dick Diotte, director of community relations with Crandon Mining, says he is optimistic that the Lincoln local agreement will be adopted by April 1.

Unlike the situation in Nashville, none of the current Lincoln Town Board members is up for re-election this spring.

Diotte also is negotiating a zoning agreement with the City of Crandon. Before the mine can be constructed, the city must approve a zoning variance for the area's first skyscraper: a 165-foot-tall building, known as a headframe, that would sit atop the main mine shaft.

No buildings can be built taller than 50 feet within several miles of the Crandon municipal airport without receiving such a variance.

Company Sees Support

Diotte believes Town of Nashville incumbents will survive the challenge by mining opponents. "Our own polls show support for the mine in all of Forest County has held steady at 60% to 70% each year since 1994," he said.

Democrats in the state Legislature have proposed a metallic mining moratorium. More than 275 citizens attended a hearing on the bill in Green Bay last week. Most opposed the Crandon mine.

Mining opponents, including

Apesanahkwat, new chairman of the Menominee tribe, also targeted a mining industry conference in Milwaukee last week. That meeting, sponsored by the Wisconsin Mining Association, which includes Crandon Mining, was held to discuss mines throughout the U.S. that do not pollute the environment, organizers said.

Carol Marquardt, Town of Nashville clerk for 18 years, is facing opposition for the first time in 10 elections. She agrees with Diotte: Local folks want the mine, she says, and they will show it by re-electing each of the town's five incumbent officers against anti-mining opponents.

Marquardt and her husband, Bill, a Town Board member, intend to go door-to-door to convince residents that the local agreement protects their interests. "That way, we can answer questions and clear up misunderstandings," she said.

In contrast, Mike Monte, publisher of the Pioneer Express, a weekly shopper he describes as a "variety sheet" is an outspoken mine opponent who believes there will be new Town of Nashville officials on April 2.

Nine years ago, Monte bought the shopper, studied the project and changed his mind.

"A decade ago, I thought the mine would have brought jobs here," Monte said. "Now, I believe you would give up more than you get from this mine," he said, citing potential harm to water resources.

Forest County also is home to the headwaters of the Wolf, Peshtigo and Pine Rivers, he said. "Our county is water-rich. It's not a proper place to mine. A mine is not my idea of what northern Wisconsin is or why tourists come here."

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Rep raps mining proposal

By Matt Pommer

The Capital Times

A top environmental legislator charged Friday that the Thompson administration was proposing a "special break" for the planned Crandon mine.

But Department of Natural Resources officials said no major change was being proposed.

State Rep. Spencer Black, D-Madison, charged that a proposed administrative rule going to the Natural Resources Board next week would create a large loophole from the state's groundwater protection law.

Natural Resources Secretary George Meyer, in a memo to the DNR board, said the rule changes he is proposing "do not represent a substantive change" in the way mining companies are regulated.

Kevin Kessler, waste management policy chief at the DNR, said it would be probably a year before any final action is taken on the matter.

The new Metallic Mining Council has asked for a delay on the issue. In addition, the DNR will be going to hearings to get public comment on the proposed changes, Kessler said.

Black said the proposed administrative rule would exempt mines, mining-related toxic waste dumps and an area extending up to 1,200 feet from the outer edges of such facilities from the state's groundwater drinking law.

Kessler said the 1,200 feet is already included in the state's mining law.

Other regulated facilities, such as sewage treatment lagoons, have a 100-foot boundary, said Black. Hazardous sites not associated with a mine have a zero-foot boundary, he added.

"This proposed rule speaks to what has happened to the Department of Natural Resources," said Black, referring to the 1995 law that allows the governor to hire and fire the agency's secretary.

"The DNR has become part and parcel of the Exxon publicity machine," he said.

Exxon USA is a part-owner of the Crandon Mining Co., which is seeking state permits to build a major metallic sulfide mine near the pristine Wolf River in northern Wisconsin.

Black is one of the authors of legislation that would slow or halt the construction of the mine.

"Allowing pollution of the groundwater at the mine itself, the toxic waste dump for mine tailings and a 1,200-foot area extending from the edge of these facilities poses a real danger to neighboring rivers, lakes and drinking water," said Black.

"Pollution doesn't stay put. Over years, it moves and causes much more widespread pollution," he added.

"The way this rule is being presented makes it seem more like a part of a multimillion-dollar public relations campaign by Exxon than an attempt to protect our environment."

In a memo to the Natural Resources Board, DNR Secretary Meyer said that "the requested revisions would enhance the department's regulation of metallic mining operations."

Meyer's memo says the proposed changes will "subject mining sites to the same groundwater quality provisions as other regulated facilities."

The memo also says that to get a permit, a mining company would be required to demonstrate "through predictive modeling" that its facilities would not violate groundwater standards beyond the 1,200 feet.

Meyer's memo contends that no environmental assessment is needed because it doesn't represent any substantive change in state policy.

The groundwater issue in mining has been controversial for more than a decade. The proposal to build the huge Crandon mine has focused attention on it.

Wisconsin adopted mining rules in 1982 after a long and controversial process. The state's 1984 groundwater protection law exempted mining from coverage because of the 1982 legislation.