Dear Stillwater Mine,

I am a resident on the East Boulder Road () in McLeod, Montana. My husband and I have lived in harmony with the Mine, its traffic and various issues since 2006. We are in our mid seventies and had planned to live here til our passing and leave this beautiful place to our children and grandchild.

Last summer we were gathered and told that if the mine tailing pond fails, we may have a 10-15 minute warning from the Sheriff's Office in Big Timber. No other alarms or alert systems are in place. At that point we are to leave everything behind.... and climb up the nearest mountain. This can be in the dead of winter in the middle of the night... we just don't know. So we packed up some emergency back packs (not provided by the Stillwater Mine) with matches, food and some important articles. Now we wait for an alert that may or may not reach us.

We did not factor this precarious situation in when we bought our property. We planned to live peacefully with this Mine operation as it was. Now comes the huge expansion. We do not want to see the Mine close. There is an alternative. There is something called "Dry Stacking" which has been successfully used in Canada. I want the Mine to seriously consider this ecological alternative to huge vats of fluid that will inundate our homes, bridges, roads, rivers and town.

Please consider the lives, homes, livelihoods and town of Big Timber.

Respectfully, Nancy Goble (

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