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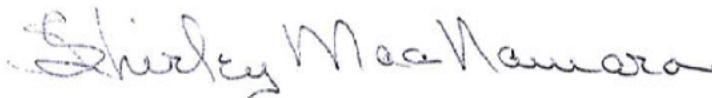
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Mr. Jones and Grosvenor,

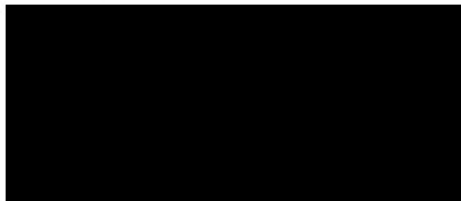
As a resident on the East Boulder Road, I am very concerned about the proposal to enlarge the holding pond at the East Boulder Mine. Should there be a break of this pond (which is very possible), my property, along with many others, would be completely ruined and my life would possibly be over! I am a widow, 85years old, and am not able to quickly climb high enough to get to safety, that is if there had been any notification of the disaster at all. There is NO warning system!

There are other measures to safely dispose of waste at the mine – namely “dry stacking.” This is a viable solution and certainly a much better, and safer ecological answer to this grave problem.

Please consider the safety of our lives, the lives of the animals and fish, the waterways and property of this valley and all that would be impacted. This is a very frightening situation and I for one am scared to death!



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