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Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing today to encourage you to do the right thing. As a resident of McCall and Valley County, the proposed Perpetua Mine will severely impact my business, my community, and the beautiful natural resources of my adopted state.

There really isn't much to be said in favor of the mine, sure Valley County will get barely enough property tax receipts to fund a new emergency response team for a few years. However, the rest of the community will suffer increased taxes to support the supposed benefits of this project. New schools, new hospitals, new police and fire staff, increased road maintenance, increased hazardous waste disposal, the list goes on and on.

My main point is in the last 100 years there has never been a mine project that truly cleaned up after itself. For the 25 years the mine is open, who will clean up the diesel fuel or arsenic spills in the North Fork of the Payette from a truck accident. Who will pay for the increased traffic issues in the city of McCall on 55 in the summer busy season that supports our business. How will a clean up funded by shares of stock in a bankrupt company ever manage to mitigate the eventual failure of a tailings dam.

These are not maybes, they are certainties.

I know you are hamstrung by an outdated 1800's law enforced by mining companies campaign contributions but please at the very least consider continuing the comment period for another 45 days to give others like myself a chance to comment.

Sincerely,  
Dave Petty  
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