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Comments: To Whom It May Concern;

The legacy of mining on our planet is mixed.

I am in awe of the technology, the hard work, and the dedication of the mining industry in extracting key minerals for the construction of the things that make life better. Many have died supporting our societies, cities, transportation, food, and other critical and impressive industries.

However, in the Black Hills, we have seen a particularly destructive mineral extraction industry abutting human interests at risk; safe homes, clean water, and nourishing healthy food. Gilt Edge is dangerous to our values at risk. We live here! This continued omnipresent destruction was foisted upon us by a Canadian mining firm that went bankrupt and left the American people with the bill to clean it up. Tens of millions of dollars have been expended on the project, and it's still leaching dangerous water where we live.

The inability of the mining industry as a whole to indemnify against disasters diminishes support for continued mining so close to where we live and our values at-risk.

Regarding Spearfish Canyon, I humbly request that you work with the Federal Government and the State of South Dakota to make this area off-limits to 1) prevent attempted incursions in the Canyon from being used as business strategy distractions from other projects and 2) to prevent actual mining and exploration where we live, work, love, and raise our families.

Until the mining industry - across international borders - steps up and makes us whole, I have zero interest in supporting any further projects in our area, exploration or otherwise.

Sincerely,

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