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I'm writing today, as an Oglala Sioux woman and lifelong Rapid City resident, to voice my strong opposition regarding Pete Lien and Sons' proposed plan to conduct exploratory mining near sacred site, Pe' Sla, in the Black Hills National Forest. I may not be able to convince you of the importance of protecting a culture that isn't your own, but there is one thing no one can deny: clean water is a requirement to life.

Pete Lien and Sons has ultimately given us a plan of good intentions. I can attest to how well that's worked out in previous plans. Just look at the chronic dustbowl they've created in West Rapid City. We're issued an air quality alert every time the breeze picks up, and it doesn't just blow away. It's seeping into our cars and homes, and it's not easy to clean. Therefore, I do not trust PLS to decide that their own project is safe. I do not trust PLS to drill near our watersheds. They have a history of overlooking the what-ifs, a damning trait for a mining company that likes to shit where the rest of us eat.