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Comments: I grew up in the Black Hills, and much of my family is still there. I grew up learning about how treaties with Indigenous tribes have been repeatedly broken by the US government, including allowing private mining companies to destroy land and water for generations. As a physician, I see and understand the deep impact to health from mining processes and land/water destruction. I also know the deep impacts to mental, emotional, spiritual, and intergenerational health when sacred sites are consumed. I stand with local Indigenous tribes against the Pete Lien and Sons Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 as the proposed land extraction includes the sacred lands of Pe' Sla, a sacred site to multiple tribes and left fully to the Oceti Sakowin in the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. This proposed project would impact the Rapid Creek Watershed, potentially impacting the water supply of thousands. A full Environmental Impact Study is needed.

As many local folks may not have had the opportunity to make public comment about the project, which could impact the health of thousands of people, please approve a 60-day extension of the public comment period.