

Hi Jim Holperin,

Attached is a letter written by Alan and I after reading and collaborating with Jack Parker, an expert in mining engineering and geologist who has helped set up over 500 mines around the world. Mr.Parker's writings about the Penokee Range and AB 426, were introduced to us by Joe Hovel, who has a reputation for researching and promoting the truth on controversial issues. You may already have received mail from Joe incorporating Mr.Parker's views. I feel that the information in this letter is much closer to the truth than what any Republican legislator discusses in the press or in their e-mail letters. According to Mr.Parker, a taconite mine in the Penokee Range can only be profitable if all protective measures are eliminated which leaves the area vulnerable to extensive, long term pollution.

As always, we appreciate your balanced views and informed approach in backing legislation that benefits your constituents.

Best Regards,
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