

Douglas and Cassandra Bickford

My husband and I have a small farm in the Oldtown, Idaho area, not far from where the proposed smelter site is. We are **TOTALLY OPPOSED** to this smelter being built in our area! We practice organic farming and are very aware of the extremely negative environmental impact this type of operation would have on this area.

There is already plenty of existing evidence from other smelters of the same type to show the environmental **DAMAGE** these type of smelters have. The few low income hazardous jobs offered by this company to the locals is not worth selling out our beautiful, healthy homes to them. They will cause silicosis, acid rain, water pollution, drain down the water supplies in the surrounding area, create road congestion, air pollution, damage to the local forests, forever.

This cannot be allowed! We don't want them here. Obviously, Canada does not want them polluting their environment either. They already have one plant up there and know exactly what it will do. There are several large and small businesses now building in our area which are offering much better and more job opportunities to our citizenry. They will not be polluting and destroying the whole area all the way into Montana!

We would like to be able to leave our grandchildren a wonderful place to inherit. Don't let uncaring, greedy business, like these people, who don't care about anything, but lining their own pockets at the expense of others, coerce you into allowing this atrocity to happen.

Sincerely, concerned local farmer family, Douglas and Cassandra Bickford.