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Our scenery is our stock in trade. People come here to see our mountains, use our lakes and breathe our air. They will not come to see a smelter. It is not in keeping with our recreational community.

We dolled up our cute, little tourist town, and now, with absolutely no authorization or consent of the people, you want to convert that into an industrial park? That does NOT sound like a democracy where the citizens exercise power by voting.

We want only responsible growth and clean jobs.

How is trading our health and environment so that solar panels can be manufactured and utilized elsewhere make any sense. Poison the environment in one area to improve it in another? Not to mention, solar panels are a highly INefficient source of energy. "Most solar panels. . .are fairly inefficient. Less than 14% of the energy that reaches them will be converted to electricity, (http://www.qrg.northwestern.edu/projects/vss/docs/power/2-how-efficient-are-solar-panels.html).

We live here because it is quiet and clean. If we wanted congestion and noise, we would live in Spokane.