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I am a property owner in northern Minnesota. Minnesota, with its vast array of outdoor activities, has an economy with a substantial dependency on nature and an intact and pristine environment. Of late, the tendency of this state (where I grew up) has been to permit many highly-polluting industries to operate within its borders, and to be extremely lenient in the control of these industries. This has led to substantial degradation of our forests and waterways, and is and will have many negative effects on tourism, the economy and the many benefits of a healthy environment.