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Mining has been the backbone of Northern Minnesota for generations, providing good-paying jobs that support families and entire communities. Minerals from this region are also essential for everyday life and for building the clean energy technologies of the future. Unfortunately, current sulfate standards are based on outdated science that doesn't reflect today's realities or modern mining practices. These rules put good jobs and the future of our region at risk.

It's important to recognize that mining companies here do care deeply about the environment. They employ teams of environmental scientists and specialists who monitor, protect, and restore the land and water while ensuring mining is done responsibly. With updated standards that reflect current science and technology, Minnesota can continue to protect its natural resources while supporting the jobs and communities that depend on mining.