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The social and economic impact of granting this variance is real and detrimental to the public at large. It incentivizes pollution for profit at the expense of investment in sustainable economies, which we must do if people of the future are to survive. Also, it is my view that companies need to be responsible for cleaning up their own messes, not me.

In addition, this will not increase enough jobs in the mining industry to make up for all those lost by industries that rely on clean water - fisheries, tourism, wild rice production and sales, etc. Not to mention the damage that this could cause to habitat for wildlife.

Lastly, I do not want another treaty with our indigenous tribes to be flushed down the toilet for personal profit. Wild rice (Manoomin/Psin) is central to the Dakota and Ojibwe cultures. So, please uphold the sulfate standard and do not allow this variance to go through. Thank you.