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Dear Clerk of the Board:

Please have the following public comment read at the November Board Meeting:

Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

I am a resident of the Grandview Terrace neighborhood in Nevada County. Our neighborhood sits on the Grass Valley city limits and borders Empire Mine's Union Hill section and is close to Bennett Street. In the past year, many new neighbors have moved in our neighborhood, some with small children and others with grandchildren. They are improving their homes and enjoying the forest, trails, and beauty surrounding us.

I am very concerned that opening Idaho-Maryland Mine, a full-scale industrial mining operation with tons of truck traffic, blasting, and dewatering the groundwater, will impact our quality of life and eventually ruin the economic growth I am witnessing.

Also, I spent over a decade with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and evaluated Superfund mine cleanups. Mines have left us a toxic cleanup legacy. They are expensive, dangerous, and take decades to cleanup, if they ever are. Sometimes the damages cannot be remedied. Do we really want that in our community? I don't.

Please look closely at the subsurface project boundary. You will see the subsurface mining area comes very close to the city of Grass Valley, extends under the Greenhorn neighborhood, under the airport and goes almost all the way to the Brunswick Basin. How much new construction has occurred since the Idaho Maryland Mine was last in full operation in the 1950s? What will be the impacts of blasting under these areas? Do we really know? Does anyone? Should we take a big risk that could harm our community and water supply for generations?

I believe we can grow our economy, attract younger people that can choose to live here, and have a beautiful environment. Let's keep the Idaho Maryland mining operation out of our community. It's just not worth it.

Sincerely,

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