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Dear Mayor Simonson and Scandia City Council Members:

We are writing to urge you to reject the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Zavoral Mine. Amongst your many duties in this matter, according to Minnesota Rules, you, as the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) have the responsibility of determining the adequacy of the FEIS. Within the definitions of adequacy is the **criteria to provide responses to substantive comments received during DEIS review concerning issues raised in scoping**. We believe that this means to provide substantive and complete responses to the substantive comments received, not responses that ignore the real issues. In other words, if a serious question or concern is raised, it deserves a serious answer.

Nearly all of the substantive comments received during the review of the FEIS were ignored or in slang terms, were blown off as inconsequential. This included comments and concerns on the environmental effects, the noise impacts, threats to water quality and potential erosion, traffic safety and volume of truck traffic, property values, and the benefits of doing nothing at the old mine site. This site sits next to a National Park, yet the concerns raised by the National Park Service were basically ignored.

We urge you to make the determination that the FEIS is inadequate. You, as the Responsible Government Unit, can take the responsible step of declaring it inadequate because it does not give you all the facts nor fully describe the impacts that the proposed project will have on the environment, on the city of Scandia, on a National Park, and on visitors and residents.

Sincerely,

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Randy Ferrin and Kathy Trombly-Ferrin

cc: Anne Hurlbert, City Administrator