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**Subject:** ZAVORAL MINING PROJECT

TO THE SCANDIA CITY COUNCIL:

This letter is intended to voice strong opposition to the Zavoral Project.

This project has the potential for significant destructive human & environmental effects on Scandia and its environment. This is an inescapable conclusion. One would be hard pressed to select a worse site to put a gravel operation.

If you, our Council, are true to our city tagline--"Dedicated to Rural Community Values"--then, voting to proceed with this project would assuredly fly in the face of those values. These values are embedded in our Scandia Comprehensive Plan. To do an end run around this Met Council approved plan (based on a filing/timing technicality) would be a serious breach of ethics.

There are numerous oppositional issues that have been brought to you by standing-room-only groups of citizens attending your meetings, the National Park Service, the St. Croix River Association, The St. Croix Scenic Coalition, and others. So, I will not review those concerns here.

So, let me conclude with this deeply held viewpoint, shared by many: I will be shocked and dismayed if you do not abide by the spirit and guidelines of our Comprehensive Plan. We will be seen as the dinosaurs of the region and the state, a community stepping back in time. Every Scandia citizen or visitor passing by the Highway 95/97 intersection will be reminded by either your wise foresight or your lack of vision and courage to do the right thing for the community.

Please oppose this project!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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