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Anne Hurlburt, City Administrator  
City of Scandia  
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May 17, 2012

Dear Anne,

Please forward our concerns To Mayor Simonson and the city council regarding the proposal to resume mining operations at he Tiller/Zavoral site.

My wife Mary and I attended the planning commission meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are very concerned with the prospect of having another mining operation in the city.

We live on Oland Ave, about 6 blocks from Hwy 97. We are definitely within earshot of the current truck traffic there. The trucks are especially audible when they down shift approaching the stop sign, and start up again after the stop at the intersection of Hwy 3 and Hwy 97. The prospects of increasing the number of trucks along the highway to accommodate the mining concern is most troubling. With the increase in trucks comes an increase in noise as well as additional safety concerns. More trucks create and even more difficult crossing 97 at Oakhill—already a tricky intersection.

We read in the Country Messenger last week about the frac blow out in Grantsburg recently . We are not reassured when Tiller tells us they will do a good job of containment. We have lived long enough to know that accidents do happen. An accident at the Zavoral site will potentially be devastating to the St Croix river and the land surrounding the mine.

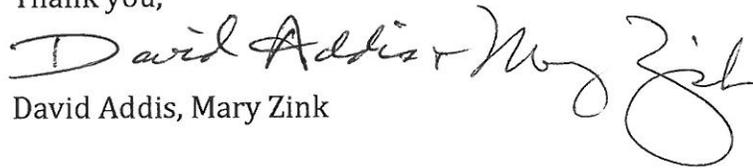
We are not convinced that the reclamation of the site will restore the area in any way near the its current state. We have lived long enough to know what special interests tell us, like politicians, is many times what they want us to believe, rather than what actually is true.

Finally, we don't see the opening of the Zavoral mine as a win/ win proposition benefiting both Tiller, Zavoral/and the City of Scandia and its residents. We know

that we have lived long enough to see that the City of Scandia and we its residents, will definitely lose out in our quality of life if the mine is reopened.

Please reevaluate and deny any proposals to increase mining in our city.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature reads "David Addis & Mary Zink". The "Zink" part is particularly stylized with a large loop at the end.

David Addis, Mary Zink