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Honorable Nate Beason
Chair, Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Lane
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Dear Supervisor Beason,

I am writing to express my concern about the San Juan Ridge Mine Project. As the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools I support both the Twin Ridges Elementary School District and the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools in the concerns they raise about the project. Grizzly Hill School and the Shady Creek Outdoor School are both schools our office supports and we are extremely concerned about the potential impact the proposed mine could have on their health and safety. In addition, my office operates the North San Juan Family Resource Center at the Oak Tree School site. It is our belief that the proposed mining operation could have a significant effect on this site as well.

My office is very well aware of the water issues that developed in previous mine operations that have significantly effected Grizzly Hill School to this day. The role of the school is to educate students, not spend valuable funds and time just to make sure the students are able to drink the water at their school. It is my understanding that a reopening of the mine could result in additional risks to water safety.

In addition, having a mine in operation this close to a school can pose other safety risks including noise, traffic and air quality concerns. The Twin Ridges School District relies mostly on parents to get students to school. Increased traffic from the mine in operation in such close proximity could create a dangerous route for parents to travel to get their children to school. Also, noise and air quality are unknown impacts, but again, in this close proximity to the school, we feel it will have a detrimental impact.

Please seriously consider the impact of the decision about whether to allow operation of the San Juan Ridge Mine Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly A. Hermansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Holly A. Hermansen
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

Cc: James Berardi, Superintendent Twin Ridges Elementary School District
Bill Cornelius, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools