

Fill in the blanks.

Hi – my name is _____ and I'm a ___y old constituent of Representative/Senator _____ living in _____. Is he/she available to speak with me about the Twin Metals mining project? It is a potential mine that is proposed on the edge of a pristine wilderness area in Northeastern Minnesota.

If NO – *then ask if you may speak with a senior staff member to take your message and give it to the Congressperson.*

I'm calling today to ask that you *please* oppose the Twin Metals sulfide-ore copper mining project within Superior National Forest. Sulfide ore copper mining is America's most toxic industry (according to the EPA). Putting it next to the most-visited and one of the most pristine Wilderness' in the nation would irreparably damage the area.

Recent decisions by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior have been made to reinstate and renew long-expired federal mineral leases, and prematurely end the environmental study of the area while simultaneously opening the area to mining. These decisions have no basis in fact or science, and instead appear to be made out of political interest and for the profit of the foreign mining conglomerate Antofagasta. Furthermore, they contradict the overwhelming public sentiment that sulfide-ore copper mining should not be allowed within the Rainy-River Basin Watershed.

I am extremely disappointed that my government has chosen to ignore both its duties to the American people as well as to American wilderness and so I ask that congress take both of the following actions to correct these decisions and ensure that the Boundary Waters is protected.

- Provide rigorous oversight of the Departments of Interior and Agriculture, the BLM, and the Forest Service to protect the Boundary Waters and to halt decisions based on politics and lobbying by a foreign mining company
- Protect the Boundary Waters by banning sulfide-ore copper mining in the watershed of the Boundary Waters

PLEASE pass along my message to the congressman/woman.

If they would like to give me a call back my number is: _____

Thank you so much for your time.

