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To: Council <Council@duluthmn.gov>
Subject: Vote Against Evidentiary Hearing Resolution for PolyMet

I urge you to vote against the resolution for an evidentiary hearing for PolyMet and protect our established process. It was subjected to a rigorous and comprehensive environmental review process by state and federal agencies that took 10 years – the most comprehensive review in Minnesota State history. The results of this review are documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The Duluth City Council has no business trying to apply further roadblocks to an already outrageously long process.

With the recent Enbridge projects that have been cancelled or delayed, our area has already lost over 4.5 billion dollars in construction projects. We have to understand that this region cannot sustain the current workforce if the trend of delaying, blocking, and politicizing projects continues. Polymet and other projects have a huge long term trickledown effect. Not only with the permanent jobs, but also with the construction jobs. This area cannot sustain many more canceled projects before construction workers, engineers, project managers, etc. start moving out of the area to areas where there are jobs for them to do. This directly effects everything from local and regional restaurants ,stores, and art dealers. As these businesses are effected, so too are our local school districts as people begin to move out of the area. When these people move to an area with more opportunity, they take their husbands, wives, and children with them.

Please vote against this resolution. Please trust that the state and federal governments will do their job and regulate the environmental aspects of these projects. Please do your job as councilors and support any potential business/industry that is eager to come to our area and follow the state and federal environmental regulations as Polymet have proven they can. Please do your job to push for and support economic growth in Duluth and surrounding areas.

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