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From: Nels Ojard [mailto:nels.ojard@krechojard.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2016 2:43 PM

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Dear Councilor,

As a Duluth resident, I'm passionate about our community and ensuring the beauty of Lake Superior is maintained for generations. However, I also know that in order to do this, we need to provide jobs and economic opportunity for our children and their children's children. PolyMet is one of the many chances we have to do just that.

I know that citizens are asking the Duluth City Council to adopt a resolution asking the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to hold an evidentiary hearing before deciding on PolyMet's application for a permit to mine. Through strong environmental review and permitting process and established regulatory systems that include the opportunity for public review and input, we can ensure that PolyMet can meet the standards set in place by our government. We should rely on the established processes to bring economic change and prosperity to our community.

I urge you to vote against this resolution and protect our established process.

Sincerely,

Nels J. Ojard, P.E., P.Eng.

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