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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. **A former Iron Range Engineering student, I spent a semester investigating PolyMet's Environmental Impact Statement. I feel that they are doing their due process and will be good stewards of our State's natural resources. Our desire to have electronics, medical devices, and other copper and precious metal components means this type of mining will occur somewhere. Isn't it better that it is in Minnesota, a State known for its ingenuity when it comes to sustainable resource management?** 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.