

Alyssa Bryant

From: Martha Oswald
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To: Alyssa Bryant
Subject: FW: A letter of support

From: Veda Kanitz [mailto:vmkanitz@gmail.com]
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To: Council <Council@duluthmn.gov>
Subject: A letter of support

Dear Councilors:

The DFL Environmental Caucus, on behalf of our members in Duluth and statewide, supports the resolution requesting an evidence-based hearing before a decision is made on permits for PolyMet.

As the resolution notes, "Duluth's local economy relies heavily on the unique and outstanding quality of our natural resources, including clean water." Since the PolyMet proposal would require treatment of polluted water for an indefinite period of time, and since the mine waste would be stored upstream of Duluth in the St. Louis River watershed, it's imperative that the Minnesota DNR make a decision that is protective of clean water and is based on facts and science.

This is a common sense request that is supported by 70% of Duluth citizens, according to a recent poll by Public Policy Polling. As you consider the resolution during your council meeting, please vote to support this call for a hearing in front of an impartial judge that hears from experts on all sides before making a permit decision.

Sincerely,

Veda Kanitz
Chair, DFL Environmental Caucus

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We all do better when we all do better. Paul Wellstone

We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children. Chief Seattle