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Dear Mr. Radford,

I have lived in the beautiful Brainerd Lakes area for over 20 years, and have grown to appreciate, more and more over the years, the remarkable gift of plentiful and pristine waters we have in northern Minnesota. While southern Minnesota, where I used to live, suffers increasingly from impaired waters, we have the ability to protect our most precious resource - water.

I have studied the issue of copper/nickel sulfide mining for quite some time, and have chaired several forums held at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, via the Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government, of which I am a board member. Mr. Radford, no amount of metals for even the most laudable of reasons is worth sacrificing a drop of an irreplaceable and life-giving resource. Please say "No" on our behalf. Sincerely,
Laura Raedeke