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Mr. Jerry Schoeppner
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RE: Tyrone Emma Project – Comment for Hearing Record

Dear Director Schoeppner,

I am a neighbor to the south of the Tyrone Mine. I attended the hearing to get more information before submitting these written comments for your consideration.

First, I support the Tyrone Mine and know how important it is to our community and state. I understand that the Emma Project is very important to extend the life of the Tyrone Mine and the Tyrone employees are working hard to make it a reality. I request that the Mining and Minerals Division approve this permit as soon as possible.

I have a few questions and comments after considering the hearing presentations.

The Gila Resource Information Project (GRIP) seems to be given preferential treatment over other commenters. Why is that? They do not represent my family nor the views of most community members.

The agency presentation indicated the Emma permit, and this hearing, were about the closure plan and financial assurance. Other presentations (both Tyrone's and GRIP's) covered other subjects (water supply and quality, air quality). While important matters, I question what your agency will do with that information since it is outside the scope of your agency's regulatory scope. I understand that there are other agencies that have processes to address those things. I am opposed to duplication and overlap of regulatory efforts since it is a waste of our public resources and an unnecessary burden for businesses.

New Mexico has strong environmental regulations. The permit application either meets the standards or it doesn't. We rely on you to make this kind of judgement. Please do not add requirements that fall outside the clear requirements of environmental regulations. Please do not allow GRIP to add or modify environmental requirements for our business community. They do not represent me and their opinions should not be shown undue weight or preference.

I understand that Tyrone completed additional studies beyond those normally required in response to neighbor questions. It appears they have already gone the extra mile to be a good neighbor.

Thank you for holding the hearing and for your consideration of all comments.

Sincerely,

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