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Levey County Board of County Commissioners

Subject: Serious Impact on Health and Well-being of Our Community Due to Proposed Mine in Residential Area and Prohibition of Mining in Ag/RR and F/RR.

Dear Levy County Board of County Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you as a deeply concerned citizen about the well-being and future of our beloved community. The purpose of this letter is to address an issue of utmost importance directly affecting the health and quality of life of those residing in this residential area.

Undoubtedly, the proposal to establish a mine in our community has caused unease and distress among residents. While economic development is vital for the progress of any locality, we cannot ignore the potentially devastating consequences it could have on the health of our fellow citizens.

Throughout this missive, I aim to emphasize and substantiate ten compelling reasons that illustrate the serious drawbacks of hosting a mine in a residential area, with a particular focus on its detrimental effects on our community's health. It is my hope that by fully understanding the implications of this initiative, the necessary measures will be taken to protect and preserve the health of those who call this place home.

Below, I present the ten reasons that underscore the negative impact on our community's health if a mine is established in a residential area:

1. **Air Quality:** Mines generate a significant amount of dust and fine particles in the air, leading to increased air pollution and potential respiratory problems for nearby residents.
2. **Water Contamination:** The mining process releases toxic chemicals, such as cyanide and heavy metals, which can seep into local aquifers and contaminate the drinking water supply, posing health risks to inhabitants.
3. **Risk of Respiratory Diseases:** Chronic exposure to dust and harmful particles from the mine can elevate the incidence of respiratory illnesses, such as asthma and bronchitis, particularly affecting children and the elderly.