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Dear

Let us begin by thanking you for your generous past support of SWUP. Your contributions have sustained us during our eight-year long effort to stop permitting of Kennecott's Eagle Mine.

We are writing to ask you to join and support a new campaign that SWUP (Save the Wild UP) and its partner, WAVE (Water Action Vital Earth), are organizing to halt development of the Eagle Mine: the *UP Grassroots Campaign to Defend Our Water and Stop the Eagle Mine*.

*This may be our last best chance to block the mine. Kennecott has publicly stated its intent to blast the mine portal into Eagle Rock in mid-September.*

The purpose of the Campaign is to arouse, inspire, and mobilize citizens of Michigan to make a renewed effort to block further development of this deeply flawed project that threatens our environment, especially our water resources, with irreparable damage. *We want them to contact Governor Snyder and tell him to halt work on the mine until a third-party Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), encompassing all aspects of the mining project, can be conducted.*

We requested the Governor in March to take just such action. He refused, diverting our request to the MDEQ, the agency responsible for permitting Kennecott's inadequate mining application.

By his inaction Governor Snyder chose to risk the contamination of the Lake Superior watershed, thus endangering not only our health but the future health of our children—and their children. He did so for the short-term economic gain provided by the mine.

*We found his decision to be unconscionable. In response, we have organized our Campaign.*

We will initiate the Campaign with an opening ceremony at the mine site on the Yellow Dog Plains on July 9, 2011. For the duration of the Campaign we will have an encampment near the mine site within view of Eagle Rock, a site sacred to the Anishinaabe People. *Eagle Rock has become a symbol for all of us of the sacredness of our precious, fragile ecosystem.*

While the Campaign has a political objective, it will have a spiritual, nonviolent foundation. We will fast, hold vigils, conduct walks, and consider other nonviolent means of expressing our distress at the continued development of the mine. We will also support activities at Eagle Rock organized by members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and other tribes.

The Campaign is a joint venture of SWUP and WAVE. SWUP's role will be largely administrative and educational. It will serve as a clearing house for information about the campaign. WAVE, formed by the anti-sulfide mine coalition that led the eight year effort to stop the Eagle Mine, will serve as the political arm of the campaign. WAVE will direct the actions needed to accomplish the Campaign's goal and objectives.

In closing, we wish to share with you our sense of the nature of the Campaign. We envision SWUP and WAVE at the hub of an ever expanding and empowered circle of citizens and institutions. We are united by the shared objective of preserving and defending our water resources--by stopping the Eagle Mine--and committed to doing all that we can to achieve this objective.

*Join us in the circle. Please make as generous a donation as you can to support this new, all out effort to stop the Eagle Mine. Thank you.*

Sincerely,

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