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To the Planning Commission, Borough Assembly, and Ports and Harbors Commision:

Here is part of the Statement of Policy of the Alaska Open Meetings Act: "The people do not give public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and not good for them to know."

They also do not get to decide how to "spin" information so as to make it more palatable. They don't get to decide that a presentation from a foreign mining group is so important that it should trump the absolute requirement that the public has the right to know what's going on.

The Open Meetings Act is an extremely important part of Alaska law, with a considerable body of case law to back it up. It wasn't that long ago that Haines had a recall election for several of our Assembly members on an open meetings issue far less important than the fate of the Lutak Dock, which is tied up with the fate of our town. Trying to sneak in a major expansion is inexcusable, and that includes those who are writing grant proposals without asking citizens what they think about it.

So. I live at Lutak and am very directly affected by what goes on at the dock, plus we drive the highway regularly up to Mosquito Lake and are very directly affected by traffic on the highway, plus we are very dependant on subsistence salmon and other wild foods. Plus we are strong supporters of tourism and have no trouble figuring out how tourists are going to view this ugly mess. Plus our son is a commercial fisherman in Haines.

Most of all, children use that highway. I know very well how those big trucks drive.

Yes we need jobs, who doesn't, but a few dock jobs isn't worth it. Tell the Canadians to figure out what to do with their own ore; we don't want it here. Sally McGuire