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Good evening,

I just read online on [KHNS.org](#) that the borough assembly voted to re-hear the “Lutak Gravel Pit”. The KHNS report wrote that "The hearing will take place at the next borough assembly meeting on October 28." I assume it was supposed to read *November 28th* and I won't be able to attend the meeting so I wanted to express my opinion.

I would like to let the assembly know that I am in favor of this project and the economic benefits and employment that it could provide to the town. It appears that certain individuals/companies/industries are being singled out and certain industries are being pitted against each other (i.e. construction and tourism) and that's not ok. As a borough assembly member it is your job to assure that all industries be explored, encouraged, highlighted, and treated equally. Residents of Haines need to be able to make a living, raise a family, purchase a home, enjoy the valley, etc. and we need to be encouraging economy-not shutting it down. You should be exploring and encouraging tourism, home businesses, mining, logging, construction (road, housing, etc), fishing, farming, summer and winter businesses, and everything in between. We need a well-round community, economy, and workforce and I don't feel that this will be taking place without some real effort on your part, as well as the community's.

Please think about the future of Haines. I constantly hear that Haines needs more young people and families to move to here, but why would they without some way to make a living? Please encourage business rather than creating roadblocks.

Thank you for your time.

~Ashley Sage