

Dear Representative Stutes,

I am concerned about potentially serious conflicts between transboundary mining in B.C. and Alaskan watersheds. I would prefer for the conflicts to be handled by the State and the Province, but I also think federal oversight is wise.

Mining in transboundary watersheds must be held to a high standard. We should have enforceable laws and financial assurances for our transboundary rivers.

On a drive down the Cassiar two years ago my wife and I were surprised at the extent of mining to come and the potential for conflict. I don't oppose mining as a reflex reaction, but mining is not a clean industry and the stakes are very high.

Thank you for using your position to protect Alaskan watersheds.

Sincerely,

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