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**Subject:** proposed coal mine in Panguitch, Utah

I am a property owner in Panguitch, Utah. We purchased a second home there (in 1995) and intend upon retiring to spend half of our time there. We find refuge from the heat and the big city in this quaint, beautiful, unspoiled little town with our family. Our main residence is in the St. George area. Our Panguitch place is over a hundred years old, one block off the main street, we see the traffic and parades and action from our front yard.

We chose this location with care. It is difficult to find a place as unspoiled as Panguitch. Many people in this town work three or more jobs between the adults to be able to stay there. We have found the residents to be good, down to earth people who have made sacrifices to be able to live the small town lifestyle. They take great pride in their city, and the hours of donated labor and group efforts to keep high quality and unique traditions going year after year is phenomenal. We have seen united and unselfish efforts such as is hardly seen anywhere else.

It is an outrage that big money and special interests would even consider a horrible coal mine, a strip mine no less, in this area. Do those with money and power have the mindset that there are so few people here who are so insignificant that they don't matter? Do we sacrifice nature and history for the benefit of a few? The destruction to the beauty of the area, the pure water and air, the heavy and filthy coal trucks using the roads, and RIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC DISTRICT would be irreparable! This town is too valuable to be destroyed. Not to mention the area of even broader interest, Bryce Canyon, which hopefully the environmentalists will defend. I never thought I would support them. But then I never thought there would have the audacity to exploit this beautiful and valuable land.

Somebody better listen to the voices. Somebody better put a stop to this before it is a tragedy and communities and lives are ruined. Listen to the little people in the little towns!

Sincerely

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