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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the proposed quarry on Digby Neck. Others have more knowlege (facts and figures) than I. I will express my concerns. I am concerned about the negative impact to the quality of life in our area.

I am also concerned about the policy of giving away a natural resource to a foreign business with a net negative benefit to the local community.

The fishing industry will, I believe, be negatively impacted by all the activity (including basting and shipping).

I look out my window and see a scar on the landscape that is an open pit in Granville Ferry. This scar is emblematic of what is wrong with our policy. Tourists regularly comment on it, and are rightly concerned. It is minor in scale to what is proposed.

Regarding the quality of life, I am concerned that the water I drink everyday in Annapolis Royal will be disrupted, infiltrated, or contaminated by the proposed quarry. The water supply for Annapolis Royal and Granville Ferry is obtained from the Wolfville Aquifer. This aquifer, which supplies water for people throughout the Valley and down onto Digby Neck, is threatened by this development.

The policy of our government providing basalt (basically free of charge) to an American company to make cement is repugnant to me. This is wrong headed and needs to be disallowed. The basalt in our area needs to be used by our local communities, the province, then the Federal government. American policy (either through their government or big business) is to treat the rest of the world as their resources. We need to stop this now.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.