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**Subject:** FW: Powertech uranium mining-Tuminello

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**From:** Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 11:04 AM

**To:** Stanton, Irene

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are vehemently AGAINST Powertech or any other entity getting approval to mine uranium or any other toxic substance in Colorado. There is simply no good evidence that there is any way to restore the area mined to previous levels of nontoxicity. History shows the opposite. Companies mine areas, amass huge profits, then they move out, leaving the area's air, water and environment polluted and its people and animals suffering devastating health problems. Another scenario has been that asked to restore the damage they've done, companies declare bankruptcy, leaving U.S. taxpayers to bear the huge financial burden of cleaning up the mess.

It makes no financial sense for mining to take place in the Fox Hills aquifer or any other area so close to large population centers. The supposed economic benefit from mining will be completely negated and surpassed by the reluctance of people and businesses to relocate to an area with an environment damaged, toxic and hazardous, not to mention the enormous cost of clean-up.

We propose that the State of Colorado mandate that any company proposing such mining operations set aside an enormous sum of money in a trust fund that may only be used for post-mining reclamation and restoration. The trust fund would be permanently dedicated to this purpose and can never be reclaimed by the mining company. The amount of money in the trust fund should be so large that no company will want to mine toxic substances in Colorado.

Our family moved to Fort Collins to enjoy its natural beauty, clean air and water and to enjoy the healthy recreational opportunities it offers. The area attracts many tourists for the same reasons. Please do not despoil our lifestyle and damage our health and the regional economy by allowing the short-sighted devastation of our community.

William H. and Priscilla B. Tuminello

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