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Dr. Robert E. Witt
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Dear Dr. Witt,

As the owner of Good People Brewing Company, a local business that relies heavily on Birmingham water, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Shepherd Bend Mine. This coal mine would discharge wastewater into the river only 800 feet from the Birmingham Water Works Board's Mulberry Fork intake, which provides drinking water for 200,000 Birmingham-area citizens.

Good People is growing rapidly, and therefore so is our reliance on Birmingham water. Local tap water quality is closely linked to the quality of our product, and we want it to remain top notch. The Birmingham Water Works Board and several scientists have noted that the permitted wastewater discharges from the Shepherd Bend Mine would introduce toxic pollutants and sediment into the water, potentially leading to increased treatment costs for customers, decreased water quality, and possible health risks. None of this is encouraging to us.

I understand that without participation of the UA System, it may not be cost effective for the mining company, Shepherd Bend LLC, to mine at Shepherd Bend at all. Please do not sell or lease UA's land or mineral rights at Shepherd Bend for mining. Our drinking water depends on this decision. The same may be said for our business.

Recently we moved into a bigger space in downtown Birmingham. Our new location allows for larger fermentation vats and greater efficiency, leading to increased production. We have made our beers available in cans, and expanded availability in businesses throughout Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Huntsville, and elsewhere. Our fast-growing business could be significantly hindered if water bills go up due to increased filtration at the Birmingham Water Works Board's intake across from Shepherd Bend.

As a company, we are dedicated and passionate about supporting the good people of our local community. It defines why our company is named "Good People." We hope you will make the right decision for our company and for the good people of Birmingham.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Malone", written in a cursive style.

Jason Malone
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