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Bradford County Commissioners
945 Temple Ave.
Starke, FL 32091

Dear Commissioners,

Please register my opposition to phosphate mining in Bradford County. Should the permit submitted by HPS II come up for a vote, please vote "No." If the current permit is deemed invalid for any reason, please follow the lead of Union County and vote to allow a one-year moratorium on mining.

We have seen the destructive nature of phosphate mining in other counties, including the release of cancer-causing radon gas, contamination and diminished flow of water wells, sink holes, and degrading our springs, rivers, lakes and streams.

I believe that the process has not included the due diligence expected of our county commissioners and the citizens were denied a moratorium that would have allowed for open dialogue between the decision-makers and our citizens. The assertions of jobs promised by HPSII and the revenue to be gained have not been verified by outside scrutiny and our commissioners are unresponsive to the questions and concerns of the citizens.

We have a uniquely desirable area because of the pastoral nature and availability of wildlife that is the envy of both northerners and southerners. Our county would be better served by enhancing these qualities rather than submit to the destructive extraction industries for economic stimulation.

Please represent the best interests of all Bradford County residents, not just the most powerful landowners.

Sincerely,

signature

name (print)

city and county