



571 County Road A
Attention: Green Lake County Board of Adjustment
Green Lake, WI 54941

Dear Green Lake County Board of Adjustment Members,

On behalf of Patagonia, the Ventura, CA-based outdoor clothing company, I am writing to express that we support the Green Lake Association (GLA) for their efforts to protect the water quality of Green Lake and its tributaries from the risks of Skunk Hollow Mine.

Green Lake is critical to the local community for a variety of reasons, including outdoor recreation opportunities. In addition to the GLA, a Patagonia grantee, Patagonia also supports more than a dozen environmental nonprofits and outdoor retailers in Wisconsin.

Green Lake is the deepest natural inland lake in the state, and the watershed is home to Mitchell Glen and Powell Springs—two geologic gems in Green Lake County. The Skunk Hollow Mine would be one farm field away from these ecologically sensitive areas that are highly affected by surface water and groundwater modifications.

Additionally, Mitchell Glen and Powell Spring flow into Green Lake's only trout streams, Dakin Creek and White Creek. Patagonia has worked with GLA and other partners to re-establish a brook trout population in Dakin Creek that had been missing for 70 years. Brook trout are an indicator species that need pristine, cold water to survive, and the Skunk Hollow Mine would jeopardize their habitat.

We stand by the GLA as they work with partners to conduct studies to assess the environmental impact of the mine on local groundwater and surface water quality, potential reductions to groundwater quantity that would affect springs and drinking water wells, potential changes to water temperature in the streams, and the stability of the limestone bluffs of Mitchell Glen to withstand blasting impacts.

We are joining our environmental partners in asking Green Lake County to take these studies into strong consideration before risking environmental degradation to the watershed.

Thank you,

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