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The Hon. Robert Nault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indian Affairs and
Northern Development
Room 407, West Block
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: Protecting Nahanni National Park Reserve
Dear Minister Robert Nault,

As a Canadian who cares deeply about Canada's wild rivers and wilderness area, I am writing to express my concern about the future of Nahanni National Park. I understand that this World Heritage Site is under threat from mining development within the South Nahanni watershed. I also understand that real opportunities exist to expand the protection of this area so that all future generations can experience the beauty of this northern river in its pristine state.

The risk to the ecological integrity of the Nahanni region from the Prairie Creek mine is too high for the Government

of Canada to allow this mining development
and project to proceed. Given Canada's
international obligations to protect the
Nahanni as a World Heritage Site, this
mine must be stopped. I ask you to work hard
to ensure that Nahanni National Park is
expanded and protected so that we may all
take pride and comfort knowing it will
retain it's pristine beauty and magnificent
features for generations to come.

I've paddled down the Nahanni River
twice and still think back to that amazing
land I paddled through. I feel passionate
about protecting every rock, plant, animal
and water in the South Nahanni watershed

I look forward to your response on
this very important matter.

Sincerely

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