



Congress Responds to Canadian Concerns about Toxic Mining Next to Minnesota's Boundary Waters Wilderness

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ELY, MN—Legislation introduced yesterday by the U.S. House of Representatives in the FY20 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Report responds to the Canadian Government's concern over potential toxic mining next to Minnesota's Boundary Waters Wilderness. Pollution from the mines would flow through Minnesota's Wilderness and into Canada's Quetico Provincial Park. The [legislation](#) would require the US Government to report to Canada on potential impacts of toxic mining on Canada and how the US would monitor and mitigate the impact.

The legislation, pushed by Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN), was introduced at nearly the same time the Trump Administrative [renewed](#) expired leases for dangerous mining to Chilean mining conglomerate's Twin Metals project.

"While the Trump Administration was busy trying to ram through toxic mining next to America's most popular Wilderness, Congress was responding to our neighbor's concerns that such mining could damage their own natural resources," said Tom Landwehr, Executive Director of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters."

The Canadian Government had previously expressed concern over the proposed mining in both [2015](#) and again in January of [2019](#). The extreme likelihood of cross-boundary pollution would threaten essential aspects of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty between the United States and Canada.

Multiple [congressional committees](#) are currently investigating the Trump Administration's irregular actions in fast-tracking such a dangerous project on behalf of a Chilean mining boss who is also Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner's [landlord](#).