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In response to Representatives [Rick Nolan and Tom Emmer's amendment](#) withdrawal from the 2019 Interior Appropriations Bill today, the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters issues the following statement from Alex Falconer, National Campaign Manager:

“The withdrawal of this amendment today was a crucial victory for the state of Minnesota, the Boundary Waters and the sustainable outdoors economy of northeastern Minnesota. If it had passed, this irresponsible amendment would have risked both the health of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness itself, as well as the health of Minnesota’s existing, strong northern economy that relies on the Wilderness.

We are very pleased in the announcement of the withdrawal of the amendment, keeping our government’s right to protect America’s wilderness systems intact. Representatives Rick Nolan and Tom Emmer have been determined to open up the Superior National Forest adjacent to the Boundary Waters to foreign mining interests against the will of [70% of Minnesotans](#). Today’s withdrawal is confirmation that the Boundary Waters should not be put at risk by America’s most toxic industry.”

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