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The purpose of this article is to state our support of all efforts to preserve the constitutional, historical and property rights of miners in El Dorado County and the State of California and to share a perspective of the impact that mining and suction dredging have on public health and safety.

Alarming attacks against the mining industry in El Dorado County and other parts of the state suggest, based on flawed science, that suction dredging "may", "might" "could" harm the environment. This is not reliable science when other studies in support of suction dredge mining give specific facts that prove suction dredge mining cleans rivers and streams of mercury, lead, trash and other harmful substances and improves wildlife habitat.

We are concerned about the constitutionality and legality of the tactics and strategies used to enforce the laws that deny miners their rights to earn a living. There often seems to be an imbalance between laws implemented to protect the environment and those that impact people.

Regulatory provisions have increased unemployment, reduced the miner's ability to survive, have eliminated precious tax revenues, threaten businesses and jeopardized the constitutional rights of our miners.

No evidence has been presented that show that proper coordination and consistency has been initiated or achieved pursuant to federal and state law. The unreasonable environmental policies implemented at the expense of people and jobs adversely impacts wages and tax revenues and is having a negative impact on our economy and heritage.

The El Dorado County Chamber supports our miners and their constitutional rights. The decline of once thriving industries such as, mining, timber, farming and ranching is impacting our economy, traditions, heritage and health and safety.

Please join the Chamber in our support of miners by writing to;

Public Lands for the People
President Jerry Hobbs
7194 Conejo Drive
San Bernardino, CA 92404

For any questions or more information, please contact me at 530 621 5885.