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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express support for Coeur Wharf's proposed permit expansion. As a citizen of Lead, I have no objection to their expansion and as Executive Director of The Homestake Opera House, I have witnessed firsthand a collaborative partnership with Coeur Wharf that stretches back for over two decades.

Their support has been integral in the forward movement of the Opera House and by extension, integral in the forward movement of the arts in the Northern Hills. They are firmly established as one of our community's most dedicated and fervent supporters, never shying away from an opportunity to give back to the community in which they live and work.

The continued operation of Wharf is important to us because their impact on the community is so profound. A healthy mining industry has always been a forerunner of fiscal health in Lead, where even the scientific interests of an underground lab include a need for further mining. Wharf's proposed expansion correlates to the fiscal expansion not only of Lead but of Lawrence County as a whole.

As a citizen of Lawrence County for the last two and a half years I have developed a new appreciation for the mining heritage of the Northern Hills and the immense benefit that responsible mining companies like Coeur Wharf bring to our communities.

I support their expansion permit and hope that you will see fit to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Golden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Golden