

January 11, 2022

Lawrence County Commissioners
90 Sherman Street
Deadwood, SD 57732

Dear Lawrence County Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to you in support of the Wharf Boston Expansion conditional use permit application. As a long-time resident of Lead, I recognize that some folks have concerns and not everyone agrees with the business of mining. However, given the historical relationship of mining with our community and the economic benefits it provides, I believe extending the life of current operations is the right thing to do at this time.

I believe the positive impact of expanding the current operations and extending the life of those current operations will be beneficial to our city, region, and state. As a former school district employee and as a citizen involved in many local community organizations, I have seen how the current Coeur Wharf operations have benefited our economy regarding jobs for our residents, state severance taxes, local sales taxes, local property taxes, and in the form of donations to local non-profit organizations.

I appreciate your understanding and encourage you to support this request to continue to support economic development and the overall betterment of our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Leikvold". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. Dan Leikvold