DEAR SUPPORTER,

As I sat down to write this update, my team kicked into high gear because The Department of Natural Resources unexpectedly issued permits for the PolyMet mine.

Our legal team is analyzing thousands of pages of documents permitting the PolyMet sulfide mine proposal. Minnesota has never permitted a copper-nickel mine, and it poses unique threats to our water and health. MCEA is the only team in the state with the skills and ability to navigate this complex legal and regulatory process.

Our communications team is out front making sure the public knows this is not a done deal. At the DNR’s press conference announcing the permits, MCEA was the only organization present. We have reached millions with our message that it is not time to mourn. It is time to act.

Our fundraising team is working to raise an additional $110,000 to expand our legal capacity to fight PolyMet.

As you know, PolyMet is not the only place where we are making an impact. Together, in the next year, we can:

- Secure retirement dates for the last three coal plants in Minnesota
- Demand action to protect our climate from greenhouse gas pollution
- Expand our work to provide legal services to support local communities protecting their water and air
- Defend our environmental laws and go on the offensive to expand them at the Legislature

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Last month, for example, we stopped an attempt to prevent local farmers and residents from having their say on a massive dairy expansion. It’s a story that illustrates the unique role that MCEA plays.

The Daley Farms dairy expansion would triple the size of the largest dairy in Winona County, creating a mega-feedlot with 6,000 cows. Those cows would create a lot of manure - the equivalent of the waste created by a city of 60,000 people. That’s more than all of the people in Winona County! Neighbors concerned about pollution of their drinking water wanted to respond.

Local residents, including farmers in the middle of harvest season, asked for time to respond, and the state agency agreed to extend the public input period. Industrial agricultural interests banded together and filed a motion in court to deny the public the ability to have their say.

We learned of the case at 10AM on a Monday. Wednesday morning, we were in court arguing for the community’s right to participate. We won and stopped big business from trying to cut off the public’s right to have their say on the future of their community. This is the type of behind-the-scenes advocacy our team is built to do. And we are always prepared and poised to do it because no one else can respond in the same way.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW MCEA IS PROVIDING LEGAL TOOLS AND EXPERTISE TO COMMUNITIES.
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Our legal team levels the playing field. Many businesses and industries are aggressively fighting environmental laws. The same industries that go to court to cut off public input are actively working to weaken environmental protections at the legislature. We are the only organization with in-house lawyers who can go toe-to-toe with industrial interests and protect communities. Your support provides the resources we need to be leaders in the courtroom and at the legislature.

This story is just one example of how our team is protecting our air and water.

We need your continued support. Please make a gift by December 31st so MCEA’s team is prepared and ready to go.

MORE AND MORE, OUR WORK IS BECOMING A STORY OF DAVID VERSUS GOLIATH — AND OUR TOOLS ARE NEEDED TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD.

"I AM A PROUD CLIENT OF MCEA TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WORKING WITH MCEA IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO A BIGGER SCALE AND MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT."

Shaza Hussein,
Youth Climate Activist and one of 11 youth petitioners demanding climate action now whom MCEA represents
YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS A WISE INVESTMENT – AND NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.

I am so proud of what we have accomplished together this year. When I first became CEO of MCEA I will confess I was overwhelmed. But I don’t feel that way anymore. Not at all. I am honored and empowered to be the CEO of MCEA. I am privileged to be part of such a brilliant and dedicated team, grateful for the leadership of our board of directors and humbled by all your investments. And I am more convinced than ever of the impact we have on our state every day, as well as the opportunities ahead of us.

We can stand up to PolyMet. We can close the last 3 coal plants in Minnesota. We can level the playing field and make our voices heard.

The time is now.

Kathryn Hoffman

p.s. Together, we have fought big industry in court and won. Your past support has helped us close fossil fuel plants. We have been successful for over a decade in protecting Minnesota from the pollution that would be created by the PolyMet mine. Please make our future victories possible with the enclosed envelope or at www.mncenter.org

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