The Kalispel and Kootenai Tribes, which are located nearby, have also expressed their opposition, based on the impacts this smelter will have on their health, culture, and the natural resources upon which these tribes rely.

We urge the State of Washington to end its support for this smelter, end its designation of the smelter as a project of statewide significance, revoke any unspent grant monies, and halt the permitting process. Instead of permitting this polluting smelter to go forward, State Government officials should work with local communities, including local tribes, to determine economic development projects that are of benefit to, and supported by the local community.

Thank you so much for your attention to this letter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. You can reach me at 202-872-5310 or toddlarsen@greenamerica.org.

Sincerely,

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