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Senate Environment and Natural Resources

I am writing this letter to express my opinion on the Moratorium #401 and # 808. When I was a little girl my grandfather always took my sisters and I exploring, gold panning and hiking, what great memories! When I grew to have my own children, I did the same for them, what great memories they had as well, and I hope their children will be able to say the same.

We are losing our rights! Some of us have claims that are grandfathered in from generation to generation, that is suppose to mean something! Most of us take good care of our claims by keeping brush cut down in case of fires, we maintain the property, picking up trash, trying to keep illegal business out . My main objective in question is how can we enjoy our own land if there are so many illegit laws being passed unfairly pertaining to property, water rights, and mining, ect.

I speak for the majority of gold miners, who would agree, that every time we go out to prospect, we remove mercury, metals, debris, ect. from the rivers. when we dredge we are actually loosening the rocks as a food source for the fish that will be spawning there. Next year after dredging season has passed the river beds will be filled back in by natural causes in nature.

California has proven to us that many miners are moving away because of laws passed in accordance to strict mining laws. Many of the smaller towns along the rivers are losing much revenue and business due to the reasons stated above. Please use for public viewing, thank you for taking time out of your day to read this.

Thanks again- Pauline Taylor