

Press Statement

To: The Press

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As the Virginia Legislature considers lifting the ban on uranium mining in the state, and the Virginia Uranium Mining Working group drafts regulations and studies the Cole's Hill site, thousands of North Carolina citizens, property owners, business men and women, and taxpayers who breathe air, eat foods grown in indigenous soils, have businesses in the area, and who drink water from Roanoke River Basin sources, including Kerr and Gaston Lakes, affirm their Constitutional right to protect their persons and properties from harm. They also affirm their protection under the law from being forced into a state of involuntary servitude, the condition created by uranium mining that would subjugate people for hundreds of generations to a perpetual obligatory payment in the attempt to contain the mountains of radioactive mine-tailing waste. This indefinite payment would cost in dollars, environmental and resource destruction, ill-health, and untimely death.

North Carolinians are joining Virginians in the affirmation that uranium mining in Virginia is not acceptable nor should be made legal because it cannot be made safe by engineering design or government regulations and thus poses a real and eminent threat. They are affirming their democratic right and civic responsibility to speak out and to take action on their own behalf and on the behalf of countless generations to come who cannot speak for themselves nor provide input into the crucial decisions made by contemporary politicians.