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ZLR Committee Chair: Thank you. Next is a David, it I read the writing, Belgrin.

David Belgrin: Yes, I'm Dave Belgrin

ZLR Committee Chair: Followed by Tim Zick.

David Belgrin: My name is Dave Belgrin. I have been asked to speak to you ah, regarding the horses in this issue. Um, I am a horse trainer. I have been doing this for 28 years. Um I show all over the country. My level of expertise with horses is undeniable. I'm going to talk to you in regards to the people that live in this area and their animals. There is no doubt that having a horse operation, having stallions, having mares, having people that are coming in to buy horses, this will greatly diminish their ability to market horses, sell breedings, bring in better clients and use it as an income potential. Um horses are a flight animal. Horses want to get away from noise; they want to get away from sound. They are stimulated by audio and visual. Um, when they decide to leave, they go, they go through anything. I don't know that, you, that one of the people that spoke said that she would have to put in $10,000 worth of fencing, it's not really an issue. The fencing, they'll run into it and the end result is that the animal will need to be put down. And I guess that another one of the persons that spoke were talking about their children riding. I don't think that being within a 1,000, 2,000 or 3,000 feet of the trucks, blasting, ah crushing of stone that her children can ride near that. There are enough ways for kids to get hurt riding horses now without increasing those, those elements. I can go on and on and we can talk about specifics. We can talk about generalities. I just don't know that it's going to be a safe situation being that close to a working mine for anyone to have a horse operation or a horse hobby. Thank you.

ZLR Committee Chair: Thank you. Next I have Tim Zick. And that will be all wishing to speak in opposition