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Dear Sir

I am concerned about the tax status of contributions to environmental groups. I support a couple of groups who fight, on my behalf, for the preservation of the existing environment, the wildlife that lives there and for keeping the global warming below 2 degrees Celsius.

Much as I applaud groups repairing the damage done, I feel this should only apply to natural damage, such as floods and fires, and not the cleaning up or repairing environmental destruction, such as mine sites or damage to aquifers.

The truth is that advocacy and on-ground environmental work cannot exist without the other. Both are needed to improve our environment and safeguard our natural heritage, but each organisation should be able to make its own decisions about which path to choose.

The groups I support are focussed on campaigning to cut pollution, increase clean energy, phase out coal, protect our rivers and promote energy efficiency. They have knowledge and expertise in this area and I rely on them to represent my views.

As [experts have documented](#), the change you are seeking is driven by lobbying from big, multinational mining companies that don't like the idea of community or environmental groups challenging their plans to dig, pollute and profit from the damage.

I understand that you are accepting submissions until Friday and I am committed to speaking up for the environmental groups that speak so articulately for me. Are you attempting to divide and conquer environment charities? Less destruction of our environment would mean less need for these groups.

Regards

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