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Hello Mr. Burth,

The following is a comment I would like to submit to the Adirondack Park Agency in opposition to howitzer testing in Lewis, NY.

It is a privilege and honor to live in the Adirondack Park. Mr. Hopmeier should read about the efforts made to protect the Adirondack Park, by doing so he would understand that many people from Verplanck Colvin to Laurance Rockefeller, and so many others too list, went against the grain of powerful influences to create and protect this special area for future generations. If it was not for their efforts the park would probably in part be a matrix of industrial parks and strip malls. A wee bit of exaggeration, but you get my point. Unfortunately the efforts and reasons to protect the Adirondack Park is being lost by many residents; many

who have multi generational roots here. I get it, it is a challenge to reside here, make a living, raise a family and purchase a home. For me and many others, it is worth the challenges and sacrifices to have the Adirondack Park as a neighbor. I have personally listened to and observed residents who take living here for granted, throwing their garbage out their vehicle windows, advocating for the abolishment of the APA and encouraging development that undermines the beauty peace and tranquility of Park. Taking a stand to protect wild areas and it's wild inhabitants goes against human nature. The idea of conquering and developing is ingrained in the human psyche. Economic development, prosperity, housing are the palatable reasons heard. However development, if allowed to proceed unchecked, chips away at the hard fought efforts to protect our wonderful Adirondacks. I'm not anti prosperity or anti business, but in the Adirondack Park, development and encroachment is and should be addressed extremely carefully. And when business and development expansion is allowed, the negative impacts to flora and fauna and human residents should be kept at a minimum. You adapt to living in the Adirondack Park, the Park does not adapt to you. The north east Adirondack Park's Jay Range deserves as much respect and preservation as any other part. I am just one voice, but I hope that the powers that be in the decision making process understand that the preservation of the Adirondack Park requires courage and that going against the grain of powerful influences may(probably) be required. Please deny the howitzer testing project proposal and closely monitor other potentially intrusive and damaging projects and proposals from businessman Michael Hopmeier. This country will be 250 years old this year. We are in our infancy as a country. I ask you; what will our grand Adirondack Park look like in the next 50, 100 years? The decisions made now and into the future will determine the answer.

Sincerest regards,

Daniel Canavan

PS- Thank you Mr. Burth for your time and consideration with my comment.