My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I'm writing for your help to save my neighborhood  
and my home of over \_\_ years from the thoughtless act of one wealthy man.  
  
My neighborhood is in a county island, surrounded by Mesa, in the suburbs of Phoenix.  
Yet, because we are in a county island, there is nothing we can do to stop  
the selfish actions of our neighbor, John Oertle.  
  
My neighborhood, Twin Knolls Park, is named after the hills the neighborhood was built  
around over 50 years ago. They are wonderful, natural Sonoran Desert hills, the kind  
you usually find expensive homes built around. But we are a modest neighborhood of  
modest means. John Oertle bought a property that contains the eastern most hill  
and the central peak. His original plan was to build houses on the hills.  
  
Apparently, he became aware that Arizona law does not allow any interference in  
mining activities on county island land.  
  
While leveling a 136 foot granite hill would be quite costly, leasing it to  
a rogue mining company gets the job done and makes everyone lots of money.  
Then, instead of building 6 to 8 high end hillside homes, he can easily build  
10 times that many houses.  
  
We only know this info by second-hand because John Oertle has refused to talk to  
any of us. I can only assume we are not worthy of his time or bother.  
  
We have desperately tried to get multiple agencies of our state and county governments  
to help us stop this outragous act, but everyones hands are tied by existing state  
legislation.  
  
We are facing 8 to 12 years of noise, extremely unhealthy granite dust rich in silica,  
and the horror of watching them slowly grind our landmark hills flat.  
  
I have presented our county air quality department with research data specifically   
attesting to the extreme winds that occur at the top of hills such as these but it's still  
not enough to stop this insanity.  
  
The boundary of this mine is only 80 feet from the nearest home. And 130 feet straight up.  
How can the families in this neighborhood not expect to be damaged by this?  
Our property values will decrease by as much as 40%. I can't imagine being able to sell my  
home for anything near its current value when I have a working aggregate mine only 750 feet away.  
  
I understand, and support, private property rights. But this is a complete disregard for the  
rights of thousands of other property owners. None of us moved in next to an existing mine.  
Our neighborhood preceded this mine by over half a century.

Sincerely,